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Exit by Delors Deals a Blow To Europe's Unity Dream

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - The withdrawal by Jacques Delors from the French presidential elec-tion sends a bad signal about the future of

Turning away from the political prize that seemed within his grasp, Mr. Delors said that he refused to become a president who could not deliver. He thereby worsened the widening credibility gap in France, especially on the divisive question

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of greater European unity.
His gesture differs from the routine process of electoral elimination in the sense

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that he left the Socialists without a promising candidate, effectively conceding the French presidency to conservatives, whom he has criticized for foot-dragging on the issue of European unity. The Delors move amounts to a dire

indication of France's readiness to pursue closer cooperation with Germany on the path toward deeper European integration. The decision is a blow to Germans, starting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who had counted on France to support their ideas of a strong Europe that could absorb Germany's ambitions. Mr. Kohl

centerpiece of his last term as chancellor. "It means that Kohl has no partner in trying to put in place a modern Europe strong enough to define comfortable new relations with the United States and Russia," according to a U.S. official.

has pledged to make European unity the

After 10 years as head of the European Commission in Brussels, a job he will leave in January, Mr. Delors had the perfect profile in the eyes of Germany. But in France, his partially reconstructed socialism was an electoral handicap in a decidedly conservative political climate. Seen as uncorruptable and internationally experienced, however, his presidential stature was unquestionable.

What pushed him to withdraw, asso-ciates said, was his realization of how deeply divided France had become over European unity. Although Mr. Delors said that an electoral campaign was the wrong time to debate Europe's future, the issue was likely to be forced on him by other candidates.

With Europe enlarging to 15 member states next month, it is a crucial moment. Mr. Delors apparently believed that France was not ready for an agonizing

debate on the issue. By standing aside, he hoped to preserve the chances for European unity. A united Europe figures prominently in Western hopes of making Germany feel secure, without fears of isolation like those that

fueled German nationalism in the past. Now the campaign for the May election will be dominated by conservative leaders who have been backing away from closer European integration, partly under pres-sure from voters frightened of growing German power.

Mr. Delors has argued that this conservative French nationalism will backfire. As the American official said, "A Gaullist France will engender a Gaullist-style Ger-

In other words, Germans may start to think in terms of European unity as a See FRANCE, Page 8



A Chechen man confronting a Russian soldier Monday, as troops moved to within 25 kilometers of Chechnya's capital.

A Key Critic Swallows U.S.-Korea Pact

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

SEOUL - In what could portend a significant victory for President Bill Clinton, a leading Senate critic of the nuclear agreement between the United States and North Korea softened his position Monday and predicted that the incoming Republican-controlled Coneress would not follow through on recent threats to overturn the accord.

"As far as any efforts to scuttle that agreement. I don't antici tor Frank H. Murkowski, Republican of Alaska, said at a news conference here after he and Senator Paul Simon, Demolevel American officials to North Korea.

The comments by Mr. Murkowski

lenges to his foreign policy that Mr. Clinton was expected to face next year from the Republicans, who swept to control of both houses of Congress in last month's elections.

Mr. Murkowski is in line to become chairman of the Senate's subcommittee on East Asia in the new Congress, so his opinion on the nuclear accord will carry

Mr. Murkowski vociferously criticized the nuclear agreement late last month, South Korea and Japan. saying that the United States had "given away the store" by making too many

The senator said at that time that he would seek to overturn the agreement by crat of Illinois, made a rare visit by highthe oil it is committed to supply to North Korea under the pact. A few days later, seem to remove one of the first chal- at a Senate hearing, Mr. Murkowski

pulled back from that threat, but some other Republican lawmakers still said they would try to block the funding needed to implement the accord.

The agreement signed in Geneva in October, requires North Korea to give up activities that are suspected of being aimed at bomb development. In exchange it will receive two modern nuclear reactors, at an estimated cost of \$4 billion that will be borne mainly by

In addition, the United States will provide North Korea with fuel oil until the new nuclear plants are ready and will relax its restrictions on economic and diplomatic relations with the communist

Mr. Murkowski said his trip the last See KOREA, Page 8

Yeltsin Faces Fears Of Long Ethnic War

He Appeals to Parliament for Unity; Troops Halt Outside Rebel Capital

By Steven Erlanger

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin appealed Monday for political unity and parliamentary support for his invasion of the breakaway Russian region of Chechnya as Russian troops, after minor clashes, stopped 25 kilometers outside the capital,

The Russian Army does not intend to enter Grozny, Russian spokesmen said, but the massive military presence is intended to speed along talks to settle the crisis that began Monday between Russian and Chechen negotiators in the nearby Russian town of Vladikavkaz

But with nearly 60 Russian soldiers already taken prisoner, at least eight more wounded Monday in Chechen rocket at-tacks, and the beginnings of disturbances in the neighboring north Caucasus states of Ingushetia and Dagestan, Moscow rang Monday with sharp political criticism of

A group of parliamentary factions ranging from the liberal democratic Russia's Choice to the Communist Party held a oint press conference to condemn Mr. Yeltsin's actions and to call for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. There were also three rallies in a cold, snowy Moscow that drew some 5,000 demonstrators.

The deputies, who are preparing for an emergency debate Tuesday in the State Duma, or lower house, were uniformly critical of Mr. Yeltsin's resort to force now, after tolerating the self-declared independence of Chechnya for the last three years. Some talked of trying to impeach Mr. Yeltsin, but most considered that highly unlikely.

Grigori A. Yavlinsky, a prominent liberal economist, said he feared that Mr. Yeltsin would precipitate "a long Caucasian war" and produce nothing positive. Like Mr. Yavlinsky, Yegor T. Gaidar, the former prime minister and leader of Russia's Choice, the largest party in Parliament, called for restraint "We are for a maximal peace initiative,"

z on Parliament to "devise an approach for avoiding bloodshed." Mr. Gaidar has been loyal to Mr. Yeltsin but has broken with the president on this issue. Anatoli S. Sidorov, a member of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky's party, said the movement into Chechnya could not be called an "invasion," since no international border

was crossed. But he, too, called for a cease-fire and "all attempts at negotiation."

The Communist leader, Gennadi yuganov, was harshest, accusing Mr. Yeltsin of being power-hungry and isolat-

"Democracy in Russia has turned into, all power to the president," Mr. Zyuganov said, twisting an old Bolshevik slo-gan. "A weak power has decided to place its bets with forceful methods and has ignored the will of the people."

But few deputies were willing to support an independent Chechnya, arguing that the Russian Federation must remain united, but through peaceful methods.

In Chechnya itself, there were scattered incidents, including a prolonged artillery attack on two columns of Russian troops north of Grozny. The Russians responded to the rocket and tank fire with helicopter gunships and two fighter-bombers. The Interfax news agency said eight Russian soldiers were wounded, and there was an unconfirmed report that two had died, while Chechen officials said at least four. Russian tanks had been destroyed.

interfax also reported that the road into Grozny was obstructed with large cement blocks and lined with armed civilians gathered at villages and bridges.

The Chechen president, Dzhokar Du-dayev, who is a former Soviet Air Force general, told colleagues in Grozny that "we are right in the eyes of the world because we're defending our lives and our freedom," according to an aide.

"We wanted talks but instead Russia started a war," Mr. Dudayev said.

Russia has been trying to overthrow Mr.
Dudayev since August through an opposition "Provisional Council" funded and backed by Moscow. Despite scarcely hidden Russian military support, including the use of army volunteers and air power the use of army volunteers and air power, the council has been unsuccessful, prompting the full-fledged Russian invasion now.

In signs of unrest in the rest of the northern Caucasus, troops from neighbor-ing Ingushetia, which used to be formally joined to Chechnya, attacked Russian troops late on Sunday, setting 30 armored vehicles on fire. Russia's defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, accused Ingushetia's leaders of "virtually declaring war against the Russian president," but Ingush leaders denied the charge, saying that they

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Shipments of

Pentium Chip

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK -- IBM suspended on

Monday its shipments of computers

that use Intel's top-of-the-line Pen-

tium microprocessor, saying it had de-

tected more flaws in the chip than the

manufacturer had previously ac-

IBM Halts

Seeds of Hope for Rwanda: A Plan to Avert Famine

WASHINGTON - Millions of Rwandans who survived the horrors of civil war and genocide are threat-ened by the prospect of famine unless a novel international rescue effort can bring in enough seed to plant

Virtually all of Rwanda's seed supply has been eaten by famished citizens or destroyed during the fighting between rival Hutu and Tutsi factions that left as many as I million dead and forced hundreds of thousands into refugee camps in neighboring Zaire.
"Without seeds," said Ismail Serageldin, chairman of

the Consultative Group on International Agricultural

Research, "Rwanda will not be able to plant next year and will have no harvest. Farmers will become beggars and millions of people would again depend on outside

To avert that outcome, the consultative group - an international network of agricultural research centers sponsored by the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization — has begun an operation called "Seeds of Hope" to identify and reproduce 30 tons of seed from various plant species best adapted to the Rwandan

"It's not good enough to provide farmers with just any seed," said William Scowcroft, deputy director-general

of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, in Colombia. "Rwandan farmers need the seed they had before, that are suited to their soil, their climate, which resist local pests and plant diseases, that taste like the beans, maize, sweet potatoes and plantain they are accustomed to eating."

The network, said Mr. Serageldin, who is also a World Bank vice president, "is the only international organization that could quickly replace Rwanda's seed base

before the next planting season begins." After 25 years of collecting plant genetic material around the world, the network's 17 centers have 500,000 samples of major food crops that provide an estimated 75

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knowledged. Intel, the world's leading maker of microprocessors, conceded last month

that its new chip might make an error in division once in every 9 billion random calculations, or once every 27,000 years.

But International Business Machines ran its own tests and reported that in common spreadsheet programs that are recalculated every quarter of an hour, PCs with Pentium chips could produce errors once every 24 days. For a customer with 500 PCs, such as a nationwide department store chain keeping track of inventories or a brokerage firm with a changing stock portfolio, the result could be as many

as 20 mistakes a day.

After the IBM announcement, Intel stock fell \$4.50 to \$58.25 a share in the heaviest trading among over-the-counter stocks, and IBM fell \$1.75 to \$69.75. Intel recovered, however, in late trading to close only \$2.375 down while IBM closed 75 cents lower.

Wall Street analysts noted that although IBM's personal computers traditionally have been based on Intel

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High Court Clears Ex-Brazil Leader

BRASILIA (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday acquitted former Pres-ident Fernando Collor de Mello of corruption charges because of lack of evi-

The panel voted, 5 to 3, to absolve Mr. Collor of charges that he funneled millions of dollars in kickbacks for public works projects into bank accounts for his

A congressional investigation of the allegations against Mr. Collor set off nationwide protests and led to his impersonal use. peachment by the lower house of Congress. He resigned in 1992 to avoid a trial

by the Senate. **UN Command Change**

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) — The United Nations announced on Monday that Major General Rupert Smith of Britain, who distinguished himself in the Gulf War, would take over command of the UN forces in Bosnia from Lieutenant General Michael Rose on Jan. 24.

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BOSNIAN OUTLOOK — Mus-

lim refugees peering from a tent near Bihac. Washington and Paris

agreed Monday that UN forces

should be strengthened. Page 2.

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Avoiding the 'Economy-Class Syndrome' Frequent Stretching May Help to Ward Off Blood Clots

WASHINGTON - Frequent fliers, take note: Dan Quayle, the former U.S. vice president, may have gotten blood clots in his lungs from too much jetting around. Although such clotting is a rare occurrence that most passen

gers can ward off with a little fidgeting, doctors do not know why some people get emboli, or clots, and others do not.

"All of us ride on airplanes and buses and trains and we get by with it almost all the time," said Joseph Bates, president of the American Lung Association. "But we really don't know why it causes a clot in a few cases."

Most at risk are people who are over 40, overweight, have congestive heart failure and, for some reason, have cancer. But some blood is predisposed to clot, and a few people get clots from simply being too still - lying in bed after surgery or sitting in a cramped airplane seat for hours, a phenomenon

sometimes called "economy-class syndrome."

The condition that hospitalized the 47-year-old former U.S. vice president for a week, called a pulmonary embolism, is not that rare. Every year, about 600,000 Americans develop a blood clot in a leg that then travels up to the lungs.

"No one knows if this really is a major problem or an occasional problem," said Dr. Russell B. Rayman, the Aerospace Medical Association's executive director.

Clots in the coronary arteries or neck arteries, usually formed when those arteries narrow with plaque, are commonly associated with heart attacks and strokes.

But leg clots are different — they occur in large, deep veins in the calf and thigh. Blood courses through those veins back up to the lungs to pick up oxygen and then down through the heart to be pumped into the body. The only way blood can make that long uphill stretch is by leg muscles pushing on the veins. So when people don't move their legs for a long time, particularly if they're sitting in a cramped position or with their legs crossed, the blood pools. That sets the stage for a clot.

Often, leg clots never break off and the blood just reroutes through neighboring veins. Clots that break off and get stuck in

the lung, however, can be life-threatening.

One little clot probably won't stop enough blood flow to hurt, but several together can cause shortness of breath, chest pain and even death, said Dr. Elhot Chaikof, a vascular surgeon at Emory University in Atlanta.

Sudanese Feud, but Can't Say 'Nay' to Sport of Kings

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

KHARTOUM, Sudan - There isn't much incentive to race a horse in Sudan. Betting is illegal. Jockeys earn \$1 a race. And the prizes barely cover the cost of a bag of

Nonetheless, horse racing, introduced by the British in 1929, has endured, if not always prospered. And the newest season, which began in October and will end in June, is now drawing an eclectic collection of spectators who set aside bitter political enmittes for the love of the sport, at least for a few hours.

Officials from the Islamic government, including Es-

sam Turabi, whose father is considered the most power-

ful figure in Sudan, mingle with former officers and

politicians who were ousted in the 1989 military coup,

including the deposed Prime Minister Sadik Mahdi. The former prime minister, as many in the crowd will remind you, is also Mr. Essam's uncle. Sprinkled in the gathering are enthusiasts, trainers,

stable hands, owners, and undercover policemen on the lookout for anyone making a bet. Those suspected of gambling are marched out of the grandstands. The arrests have become a routine part of a day at the races. The races are one of the last diversions left in a country

raked by civil war, repression, and tremendous poverty. And many see the prohibition on gambling as adding just another thrill to an afternoon. "The Sudanese have venerated horses for centuries," said Mamoum A. Mekki, the secretary-general of the Sudanese Equestrian Federation, "Horses were introduced here 4,000 years ago by the Nubian civilization,

one of the first of the great five ancient civilizations. The love we have for horses tames the hatreds that exist between us outside the clubhouse."

The Equestrian Federation remains one of the handful of independent associations that has not been shut down by the government.

"The concept of European chivalry, built around the horse, was a notion that came from Islam," said Mr. Mahdi, the former prime minister, who owns one of the largest stables. "It remains an important part of our

When the English colonialists built Sudan's first race track, they had no intention of spreading the sport to the But gradually, wealthy Sudanese began to breed and

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U.S. and France Close Ranks on Reinforcing UN in Bosnia

Compiled by Our Staff Fram Dispatches

WASHINGTON - The United States and France agreed Monday that UN peacekeeping troops should remain in Bosnia and should be

strengthened to be effective.
"We refuse to grant the Serbs the reward that they are apparently seeking and believe that they will get — that is, the withdrawal of UN forces from Bosnia," the French defense minister, François Leotard, said after talks with Defense Secretary William J. Perry.

Both the United States and France believe that the United Nations Protection Force "performs a very valuable function," Mr. Perry added at a joint news conference.

The United States has been at odds with

to carry out air strikes against Serbian forces. The allies have opposed both moves on the grounds they would only fan warfare and endanger the peacekeeping forces.

At a separate news briefing on Monday, Mr. Leotard made it clear that Paris had not softened its stand on the embargo and would pull its troops out quickly if the embargo were lifted

"We're not going to wait around for the fallout from that decision to fall on our heads with our troops still in the field," be said.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Léotard spoke after discussing continued harassment of UN peacekeep-

ers by Bosnian Serbian forces and the possibility France and other governments with troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina over proper allied military policy there.

Washington has pressed for the lifting of the international arms embargo to enable Bosnian

They said that, instead of a pullout, the 23,000 UN peacekeepers in Bosnia could be made more effective, perhaps by increasing numbers of

Muslims to better arm themselves and for NATO troops and weapons, by using better rules of engagement and even setting up a heavily protected humanitarian aid corridor to Sarajevo from the Adriatic.

But Mr. Perry emphasized that the United States would not send troops to join French, British and other peacekeepers now on the ground in Bosnia. Washington has said U.S. troop use there would be limited to monitoring a peace accord or covering a UN withdrawal.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, a UN fuel convoy rolled into Sarajevo on Monday for the first time in three weeks, bringing some relief to a United Nations mission at the mercy of a Bosnian Serbian blockade on regular fuel deliveries.

Six French tankers, blocked for three days at a Serbian checkpoint near the city's airport, ferried 30 tons of fuel into the capital, but the United Nations still faced a critical shortage that threatened to paralyze operations.
In northwestern Bosnia, Croatian Serbs

wounded four Bangladeshi peacekeepers, one of them critically, in what was believed to be a deliberate rocket attack on UN troops.

The Croatian Serbs fired two wire guided missiles, said Thant Myint-U, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. The first rocket set an armored personnel carrier afire, wounding three soldiers. Other UN soldiers tried to rescue the three and came

under sniper fire. The vehicle was fired on as it left the logistics base of the Bangladeshi battalion, just south of Velika Kladusa, a town near Bihac, which has

been under siege for two weeks.

The arrival of the fuel convoy in Sarajevo was the exception in a continuing pattern of harassment by Bosnian Serbian forces, who have shut down key United Nations functions by blocking fuel and aid shipments.

UN operations were in a "very tense and very bleak" situation, a UN spokesman, Paul Risley, said earlier Monday.

WORLD BRIEFS

Sri Lanka Says Tamils Accept Truce

COLOMBO (AP) — Tamil rebels have accepted the government's proposal for a cease-fire in the 11-year ethnic war, President dent Chandrika Banderanaike Kumaratunga said Monday.

We are hoping for a cessation of hostilities within two weeks." said Mrs. Kumaratunga, who was elected last month on a pledge to end the conflict. The president did not say when the cease-fire would take effect. A team of negotiators will be sent to the rebel. stronghold of Jaffna to discuss the terms, she said.

Despite the peace overtures, fighting continued in the embattled north, and on Sunday the navy sank a high-speed rebel assault boat that had been hidden on the beach. Many rebels and two. members of the navy were injured in the attack in Mannar district, a military statement said.

Official Is Held in China Theater Fire

BEIJING (AP) — A government official has been arrested and two others are under investigation in connection with a theater fire in northwestern China that killed 325 people, most of them students, an official said Monday.

Abuleiti Kader, deputy director of the Friendship Hotel the

ater, was arrested Sunday, according to an information official in Karamay, about 2,600 kilometers (1,600 miles) northwest of Beijing. The official, who asked not to be identified, said two other officials from the city's cultural center were being questioned.

All exits but one were blocked when fire spread through the theater on Thursday, killing mostly primary and middle school students who had been selected to attend a special performance, the government-run Legal Daily reported. The paper said 130 people were injured, 72 of them seriously.

\$24 Million Tax Bill Is Seen for Tapie:

PARIS (AFP) — Tax authorities are about to order Bernard.

Tapie, the indebted businessman and former cabinet minister, to pay 150 million francs, about \$24 million, in back taxes, sources

The sources said that in the next few weeks, French authorities would claim money owed by Tapie companies for the years 1991, 1992 and 1993, adding to his already multimillion dollar debts. Mr. Tapie said that he had not been informed of the action, and he protested that the disclosure of such information to news organization was an attack on his democratic rights. Mr. Tapie, who was elected to the European Parliament this year, is fighting legal actions on several fronts to avoid being declared bankrupt.

Ancient Manuscripts Stolen in Russia

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Thieves stole ancient Chinese, Mongolian and Tibetan manuscripts worth millions of dollars from a library in St. Petersburg after an alarm to protect the artworks failed to go off, the Itar-Tass press agency reported Monday.

The manuscripts were taken from the state public library on Sunday night.

Nigeria Renews Ban on Newspapers

LAGOS (AFP) — The Nigerian junta on Monday renewed the ban on the publication of three major independent newspaper groups, the Concord, Punch and the Guardian, officials said. One of the papers, Punch, reappeared on Lagos streets on Monday following the expiration a six-month-ban imposed in Iune. The military regime of General Sani Abacha had accused the newspapers of breaching state security.

In September, the junta introduced several anti-media decrees

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and banned the Concord group, owned by Chief Moshood K.O. Abiola, the presidential candidate who is being detained on charges of treason; the Punch group; and the Guardian group, owned by Alex Ibru, General Abacha's internal affairs minister.

Bonn Weighs a Request To Aid NATO in Bosnia

BONN - Germany is considering how to respond to a request from NATO for military support should the United Nations decide to withdraw its peacekeeping troops from Bos-nia, officials said Monday.

A Defense Ministry spokesman confirmed that Bonn had received a request from the Western alliance to indicate what contribution Germany could make should the UN pull out its troops.
Government sources said

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet was expected to address the issue before NATO defense resort. ministers meet in Brussels this week, but it was unclear whether Bonn would have an answer

has consistently ruled out sending ground troops to Bosnia for fear of reviving memories of German forces that fought in Yugoslavia during World War

He has said Germany would consider sending warplanes to Bosnia should the allies face severe difficulties covering the withdrawal of 23,000 peacekeepers stationed there.

NATO has accelerated contingency plans to pull peacekeepers out of Bosnia while saving an evacuation under fire would be a last and dangerous

Germany last week side-stepped a NATO bid to enlist German warplanes for Bosnia by saying the Atlantic alliance ready by then.

Mr. Kohl is ready to boost had made no formal request for Germany's military role, but its jets.

Berlusconi a 'Despot,' **Coalition Member Says**

ROME - Italy moved closer to a political crisis Monday when the leader of one of the parties in the governing coali-tion accused Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of "autocratic

Umberto Bossi, leader of the Northern League, made the sharge in a party newsletter.
The League rejects with the greatest energy any pronuncia-

despotism: either me or an early general election," Mr. Bossi He reaffirmed his intention

get has been approved. Budget legislation has passed the lower lowed a charge by Interior Min-ister Roberto Maroni that a political crisis "was gathering

Leftist and centrist opposition parties support the formation of a provisional government charged with introducing a number of reforms, some relating to the electoral system. before calling a general elec-

The idea has the support of enento' inspired by autocratic the Northern League in the event that it is not satisfied with a review of the coalition agree-

The plan to review the agreeto go ahead with a full review of "ment has been turned aside by the agreement between the co- Mr. Berlusconi, who rejects the alition parties once a 1995 bud- idea of any type of provisional government and believes that if he is defeated on a vote of conhouse of the Parliament and is fidence it would be a betrayal of being considered by the Senate. the voters not to hold an imme-Mr. Bossi's criticism fol- diate general election.



ROYAL HANDSHAKE -- King Juan Carlos I visiting a working-class neighborhood south of Madrid on Monday.

German Party Chairman Survives Vote

ning the foreign policy appara-tus while simultaneously seek-

ing to revive a political party

that has been crushed in nine

The Free Democrats gar-

vote in the October federal elec-

tions, down from 11 percent in 1990 and barely enough for Mr.

Kohi's coalition to hang onto

power. Two crucial regional

elections next year, in the states

of Hesse and North Rhine-

Westphalia, could seal Mr. Kin-

kel's political demise if liberal

policy and cabinet responsibil-

ities, which prevent him from

"ever really mastering a topic."

"You can't expect him to

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under those circumstances," the

A close confederate of Mr.

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consecutive state elections.

By Rick Atkinson

BERLIN - Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel survived a vote of confidence Monday as chief of Germany's liberal Free Democrats, a day after he was bitterly heckled by party members disgruntled with his leader-

Mr. Kinkel demanded the referendum at a special party congress in Gera following a stinging chorus of boos and icers from rank-and-file liberals who hold him responsible for the party's sinking fortunes in state and federal elections.

The lawyer, 57, won 390 Kinkel's in the Foreign Minisvotes in the secret ballot, comtry said the minister was stagpared with 185 no-confidence gering beneath political, foreign votes and 24 abstentions. He called the result "honorable and acceptable" and vowed to "do Senior officials describe waiting everything in my power to get to ambush him outside a cabibetter election results" and to ensure that the Free Democrats net meeting, snatching a few minutes of time in the car en have a better future.

German media reported that Mr. Kinkel had briefly contemroute to his next appointment. plated resigning both as party chairman and foreign minister concentrate or make a decision but was talked out of it by other liberal leaders.

The turmoil within the Free Democrats, who serve as junior coalition partners with Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, potentially destabilizes a government that holds only a 10-seat majority in the Parliament.

Even his supporters in Bonn privately wonder whether Mr. Kinkel is overmatched in run-

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1991 and former head of Ger-

many's intelligence agency, Mr.

Kinkel succeeded the long-time

Foreign Minister Hans-Die-

trich Genscher in 1992 and also

tried to fill Mr. Genscher's sub-

stantial shoes by taking over the party chairmanship in June

shortcomings in Gera, acknowl-

edging "a lack of fidelity to our

Mr. Kinkel conceded his own

A political independent until

ties," a chancellery official add-demoralized party has skidded ed. "For him, everything is badly in the polls because votequally important. The guy's ers believe that the Free Demototally overwhelmed. He's a crats - the traditional kingreally decent guy and very lik-able. On the other hand, he's have strayed from their tradinered only 6.9 percent of the too open, not very shrewd. You tional free-market and civil can always tell what he's feel-rights ideals. Since Mr. Kinkel has headed

Mr. Kinkel made no secret (the Free Democrats, the daily his dismay Sunday when his Berliner Zeitung observed keynote address to party faith-Monday morning, "the party ful was greeted at times with has gone into the abyss." stony silence and at other times

It may be unfair to attribute the devastating failures to the "hapless" Mr. Kinkel alone, it said, but added, "As party leader he has to place his head on

Although Mr. Kinkel snared nearly two-thirds of the votes in the no-confidence poll — he got more than 90 percent in winning the party chairmanship 18 months ago — some party members predicted that the humiliating confrontation with his own clan has further wounded

"The mere fact that he called a vote of confidence means he will go back to Bonn weakened," one delegate, Peter Har-nischmacher, said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Strike Halts Spanish Train Traffic

MADRID (AP) - Striking railroad workers forced the cancellation of nearly all international and long-distance trains across Spain on Monday, but Iberia Air Lines operated normally despite a strike by maintenance and service unions.

The rail stoppage was part of five days of strikes scheduled this month by the union representing the majority of mechanical and service employees of the Spanish state railroads. The union contends management has failed to keep its side of agreements. Labor conflict at Iberia also appeared likely to increase, as a union representing the airline's pilots maintained its opposition to a restructuring plan that would cut salaries by as up to 15 percent.

France won't ground ATR airliners, despite a ban in Canada and a U.S. ban on their take-off in icy conditions, civil aviation authorities said in Paris. They said they wanted to consider, alternatives to U.S. findings that ice on wings of ATRs caused a fatal October crash. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. has ordered that ATR-42s and ATR-72s, built by a French-Italian consortium, be grounded in icy conditions.

Searches were under way in Scotland on Monday for three, people missing in the worst flooding in more than a century.

About 116 millimeters (4.5 inches) of rain fell over the weekend at the Glasgow airport.

A final decision on a new highway near the pyramids will be made by the end of the week, officials in Cairo said. The highway would pass within 2.5 kilometers of the Sphinx and the three pyramids at Giza. Critics say the project violates both Egyptian and international law on the protection of heritage.

To Help Others, Pair Chose Death

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Richard and Helen Brown could have paid for all the health care they needed in their frail years. Instead, they chose suicide so they could leave their money to charity. In recent months, Richard Brown, 79, was forced, because

of arthritis and asthma, to use a wheelchair. Helen Brown, 76, was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. They had been married 53 years. Letters began arriving in the mailboxes of their friends Dec. 6, the day the Browns' bodies were found in their car in the garage of their Fort Landerdale, Florida, home. Both died of carbon monoxide poisoning. They left a fortune of more than \$10 million, which they had made from radio stations and a radio school in Minneapolis. "We have the means to afford the best doctors, hospitals

and around-the-clock home care to the end our lives, but neither of us wants that kind of life," the Browns wrote. "It would also consume a substantial part of our money, which through our will and through the mission work of our church is destined to belp many young people throughout the world who may one day be able to help many more. We have no immediate family or heirs. In a sense, this legacy represents the final purpose of our lives."

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French Wiretap Suspect Found Dead

PARIS - A retired police captain was found hanged at his home Monday, the police said. His apparent suicide came three days after he and other former members of the presidential anti-terrorism team were charged with illegal wiretap-

Noisy-le-Grand were investi-gating the death of Pierre-Yves Guezou. They said no suicide note had been found but quoted acquaintances of Mr. Guezou's as saying that he had been upset

enforcement officials and a former high-ranking aide to President François Mitterrand were charged Friday with violating the privacy of journalists, lawyers, opposition politicians and an actress by tapping their phones between 1983 and 1986.

The former Mitterrand aide, Gilles Menage, is chairman of the state power company, Electricité de France. He headed the anti-terrorism team before serving as Mr. Mitterrand's staff director from 1988 to 1992.

The team, which functioned independently of French security agencies, became preoccupied with ferreting out per-

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ceived enemies. It was dismantled in 1988. Mr. Guezou was depicted in a separate court case as carrying out instructions from superiors to arrange and transcribe the

In the past two years, two close colleagues of Mr. Mitterrand's have committed suicide, reportedly because they were distraught over political developments and corruption scandals. Former Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy shot himself in May 1993, and François de Grossouvre, a presidential adviser, killed himself at the Ely-

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BALTIMORE - To all the advice for the new Republicans entering Congress, add this from Rush Limbaugh: A hostile press corps lurks in Washington.

"You will never ever be their friends," the conservative

talk-show host warned the Republican freshmen at a dinner in Baltimore. "They don't want to be your friends. Some female reporter will come up to one of you and start batting her eyes and ask you to go to lunch. And you'll think, 'Wow! I'm only a freshman.

"Don't fall for this," he added. "This is not the time to get moderate. This is not the time to start trying to be liked. The freshman class, which included not a single "femi-Nazi," one of Mr. Limbaugh's favorite epithets for supporters of women's rights, whooped and applauded, proving itself one big fan club of the man it believes was primarily responsible for the Republican avalanche in November.

Mr. Limbaugh was made an honorary member of the class as its members finished a three-day orientation Saturday sponsored by the Heritage Foundation and Empower America, two conservative Washington research organizations.

Barbara Cubin, an incoming freshman from Wyoming, told Mr. Limbaugh that because 74 percent of U.S. newspapers had endorsed Democrats, "talk radio, with you in the lead, is what turned the tide."

"Rush is as responsible for what happened here as much as anyone." said Vin Weber, a former representative from Minnesota, now of Empower America. Citing a poll taken after the election by Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster, he said that people who listened to 10 hours or more a week of talk radio voted Republican by a three-to-one margin. But Mr. Limbaugh sloughed off any suggestion that he was

responsible for the way things turned out on Nov. 8.
"The climate was there," he said before his speech. "This country has been conservative in its heart for the longest time. It didn't always vote that way, but it has now." He said the liberals helped by "illustrating their bankruptcy, both moral and fiscal."

2 Contenders for Top Democratic Post

WASHINGTON — The departing governor of Tennessee, Ned McWherter, and Senator Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut have emerged as leading contenders for the post of Democratic National Committee chairman, as President Bill Clinton begins to piece together what is expected to be a difficult re-election campaign in 1996.

Mr. McWherter, a longtime friend of Mr. Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, is a fixture in Tennessee politics and is retiring after two terms as governor. His selection would signal the administration's determination to rebuild support in a state and region decimated in the November elections.

Mr. Dodd caught the eye of administration officials in his spirited, though unsuccessful campaign for Senate Democratic leader, which he lost by a single vote to Senator Thomas A. Daschle of South Dakota.

The Democratic National Committee chairmanship is the first of several major personnel decisions Mr. Clinton must make as he looks ahead to a re-election campaign. The others include the chairman of his re-election committee, his campaign manager and the White House political director.

White House officials are not anxious to plunge into reelection politics, but given the Republican resurgence, the president's unpopularity and talk about a primary challenge to Mr. Clinton among nervous Democrats, they are aware that they will have to move more rapidly than former President George Bush did before the 1992 election. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

Leon E. Panetta, the White House chief of staff, on discussions of a tax cut for middle-class families: "They're the ones that are struggling every day trying to meet their expenses, raise their kids, pay their bills, and they're the ones who need to share a little bit of the economic recovery. So they would be the target of it."

(AP) they would be the target of it."

Away From Politics

• The judge in the O.J. Simpson smarder trial refused to remove a member of the prosecution team, rejecting defense arguments that Deputy District Attorney Chris Darden, who headed the grand jury inquiry of Mr. Simpson's friend Al Cowlings, had unfair access to grand jury information. In a written ruling, Judge Lance A. Ito said there "appears to be no conflict of interest."

A grand jury in Union, South Carolina, spent less than three hours before indicting Susan Smith on murder charges in the drownings of her two young sons in a case in which she claimed that they had been kidnapped. (AP)

A jury rejected a lawsuit blaming the anti-depressant Prozac for a 1989 shooting rampage at a printing plant that left nine people dead in Louisville, Kentucky. The verdict in favor of Eli Lilly Co., maker of the widely used drug, came after 47 days of testimony in the case in which survivors and victims of the rampage claimed that Prozac caused a former plant employee to turn homicidal.

• One in four schoolchildren has used illegal drugs before reaching high school, according to University of Michigan researchers who said drug use among young Americans was "getting worse at a fairly rapid pace." In the study, 25 percent of the 13- to 14-year-olds acknowledged use of illicit drugs at some point in their lifetimes, a figure that rose to 35 percent when inhalants were included.

(AP

The number of blacks attending college and earning undergraduate degrees has increased substantially over the past decade, but at a rate that still lags behind all Americans, according to the American Council of Education. (WP)

For Most Americans, Roots Are Shallower Than Ever

By Sam Roberts New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Nearly three times as many Americans are transients with shallow roots only months old as are homebodies who have lived in the same house for more than three decades, a new study shows.

Overall, according to a Census Bureau analysis made public Monday, more than 2 in 10 of all the nation's households moved in the 15 months before the 1990 census, evidence of a mobility that, among developed countries, is unique to the United States.

The analysis also found that fewer than 1 in 10 households had been in the same house since Dwight D. Eisenhower was president and the newly transplanted Los Angeles Dodgers, her-alding the West's ascendancy, won the World

Pittsburgh and two New York City suburbs --

where people who moved in the 15 months before the census were outnumbered by people who had lived in the same house since 1959.

According to the analysis, the proportion of renters who were recent movers rose slightly in the last three decades. Among owners, though, the share who had moved recently declined to 9.4 percent from 12.2 percent, which census officials described as perhaps a historic low.

"As far as we know, it's the lowest," said Robert Bonnette, the Census Bureau demographer who conducted the analysis.

Striking differences separated the restless Americans who had moved in the 15 months before April 1, 1990, from the rooted stayers who had stayed put since before 1960.

The more foot-loose householders were likely to be unmarried men who were striking out after

Long Island and northern New Jersey — were living with their parents or with roommates in the only major metropolitan areas in the nation rented houses or apartments, were younger and earned more than stayers, and tended to live in college towns or near military bases in the South

> People with the shallowest roots lived in Dallas, Orlando, Florida, and San Diego and in Bryan-College Station, Texas, home of Texas A&M University, where more than 4 in 10 householders were recent newcomers.

The stayers were often homeowners and empty-nesters and other older married couples and elderly women living alone in the Northeast and

In western Pennsylvania, Johnstown and the Beaver Valley areas led the nation's 335 metropolitan areas in stayers, with 24 percent for

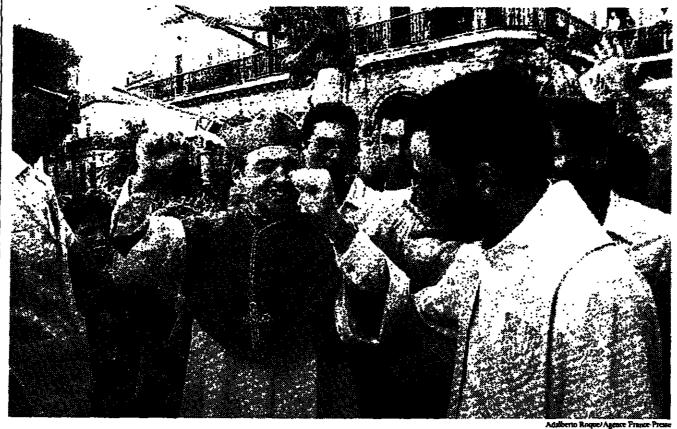
Johnstown and 22 percent for Beaver. more mobile than homeowners, with the typical in 6 households stayed put.

renter living in his home for only two years and the typical owner at home for 10 years.

Renters in metropolitan New York defied the pattern. More than 1 in 20 were living in the same apartment or house for three decades or more - a stability demographers largely attributed to government regulations in New York City and Westchester County that limit rent

Demographers noted that the South and the West had more than their share of movers. As evidence, all four metropolitan areas where about one in six or more of the owners had just bought homes were in the South and the West: in Las Vegas, Riverside-San Bernardino, Califor-nia; Yuma, Arizona, and Naples, Florida.

In contrast, Pennsylvania was home to all but As would be expected, the nation's renters are 3 of the 15 metropolitan areas where about one



A FIRST FOR CASTRO'S CUBA — Monsignor Jaime Lucas Ortega y Alamini greeting followers outside a Catholic cathedral in Havana. Cardinal Ortega, who was recently elevated by Pope Paul II along with 29 other candidates from around the world, is the only Catholic cardinal in the Communist country and the first under the regime of Fidel Castro.

U.S. Fears More Cuban Riots in Panama

abortion activists could be sued finding that the anti-abortion

under a federal anti-racketeer- activists violated the Racketeer

Hobbs Act.

City may be inevitable unless the United States is able to resolve their refugee status.

With only three months left on the six months that Panama has approved for the Cubans to stay on United States bases here, American officials concede they are hardly any closer to solving that problem than they were when the first of the Cubans arrived in early September from camps at the U.S. Navy base at Guantánamo Bay,

"This issue is so thorny that

WASHINGTON — The Su-

preme Court on Monday

turned down appeals from anti-

abortion activists who say they

wrongly are being sued as rack-

eteers for blocking access to clinics and other efforts to stop

women from having abortions.

ment, let stand a ruling that kept alive a nationwide, class-

action lawsuit by the National Organization for Women and

others against several anti-

abortion groups and some of

The high court ruled unani-

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The justices, without com-

we haven't wanted to look at it United States. An agreement can officials have warned that American officials said. Will States in Panama the deadline coming up as fast stopped the flow.

as it is, someone is going to have "I'm confident the world, into get to work on it." More than 250 people, most

of them American troops, were the camps as many of the Cubans tried to flee. The army_commander in

charge of the Panama program, General James Wilson, said he would impose extra security measures to prevent further ri- 300 Cubans believed to have

The refugees in Panama are among more than 30,000 who there were minor injuries left Cuba on rafts and in boats last summer trying to reach the

Anti-Abortion Groups Lose an Appeal

ing law. That decision threat-

ened three groups - Pro-life Action League, Project Life and

Operation Rescue — with fi-

After that ruling, the 1986 lawsuit returned to the 7th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals in

Chicago. That court rejected

the anti-abortion groups' re-

newed effort to have the case

The appeals court in May or-dered U.S. District Judge James

Holderman to decide whether

nancial ruin.

PANAMA CITY — American officials as closely as we needed to," an between Cuba and the United custody because of the riots.

American officials said. "With States in mid-September American officials said the

cluding the United States, will find a real solution to this," General Wilson said. "Most of injured last week in rioting at these people are well-educated and decent. They just want to get out of limbo and get on with

> Early Sunday, troops entered one of the camps and after violent scuffling confined some taken part in the riots. Four Cubans were hospitalized, and among the American troops

The action brings to 575 the

Influenced and Corrupt Orga-

nizations Act, also known as the

The appeals court said Judge

Holderman must decide wheth-

er the lawsuit properly alleges

that the anti-abortion groups and their members violated the

number of Cubans under close American officials said that as the deadline for the Cubans

to leave Panama approached, the likelihood of more violence would increase unless the Cubans' future was resolved. "They risked their lives at sea

when they fled Cuba, the only way they'll go back, is with force, even if it's just to Guantánamo Bay," an American offi-cial said. "That won't look very "If we let them go to the

United States we'll have serious political problems at home, the official said, "and we'll also encourage more people to leave

Another official said that sending this group to the Unit-ed States when the time elapsed would not be an acceptable solution because it would encourage the more than 22,000 Cubans in camps at Guantánamo Bay to riot to try to achieve the same results.

Africa Aid on Block In Panel Chief's Cuts

Assistance Should Further U.S. Interests, Senator Says

New York Times Service

chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, called Monday for slashing aid for Africa and population programs as well as cutting assistance to everywhere but the Middle East and Europe by about 20 percent.

In introducing his foreign aid bill, Mr. McConnell, a conservative from Kentucky, proposed sweeping changes that would award assistance to countries based on whether such aid would advance America's security and economic in-

On that basis, he took a harsh view of aid to Africa and proposed abolishing the Development Fund for Africa, which will provide \$800 million in aid

to that continent this year. He said he was not suggesting that African aid be cut to zero,

but rather that Africa could no longer expect an automatic annual entitlement of \$800 mil-

would have to compete with other needy countries for its share of the smaller pool of for-We send money to countries

where government policies actually defeat the prospects for real economic growth," he said. "It's in our interest to facilitate the transition to free mar-kets, not to subsidize failures."

While Congress has allocated \$450 million to hold down population growth overseas, his bill allocates nothing for that activi-Mr. McConnell said, howev-

er, that he expected other lawmakers to add money for population programs during congressional debate.
The Republican acknowl-

edged that others in Congress would tinker with his bill. But lawmakers said that the bill might win widespread sup-

By Steven Greenhouse a moderate whose bill appears to steer a middle course be-WASHINGTON - The Re- tween those Republicans who publican who is expected to want to gut foreign aid and have the greatest say on foreign aid, Mitch McConnell, the new crats who want to leave it largely intact.

Mr. McConnell takes a kinder view to foreign aid than does Jesse Helms of North Carolina, a Republican who is the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Helms has likened foreign aid to throwing money down a "rathole." Mr. McConnell's bill proposes eliminating the Agency

for International Development and having the State Department administer aid itself. His bill also proposes moving the Peace Corps into the State Department. "U.S. foreign aid must better

serve U.S. foreign policy interests," he said. "Somehow along the way over the last 33 years of this program, the connection between U.S. aid and U.S. interests seems to have been lost."

Criticizing the Chinton administration for having adopted a policy that favored Russia r other former Soviet repub-From now on, he said, Africa lics, Mr. McConnell proposed ending that tilt by carmarking aid to three non-Russian repub lics — Georgia, Ukraine and Armenia.

His bill would cut aid to Russia, which is slated to be about \$700 million next year, if its military intervenes in neighboring countries.

While aid to most of the world would be cut, Mr. McConnell proposed a slight increase in aid to the Middle East, a move that would protect the \$3 billion in aid Israel received last year as well as the \$2.1 billion received by Egypt.

The administration has sought to fight foreign aid cuts by arguing that overseas assistance has already been cut more than most programs over the last three years and that such cuts would reduce Washington's influence and moral auport because Mr. McConnell is thority overseas.

Suit Seeks Rights For Child Spawn **After Father Died**

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS -- A woman who used her husband's stored sperm to become pregnant after he died of cancer asked a court Monday to have their 3-year-old daughter de-clared his child and heir.

The aim is to win Social Security survivor's benefits for Ju-dith Christine Hart of Slidell, Louisiana, who was born a year after her father's death.

"Even when I was reluctant to talk about the possibility that he would not survive, Ed said, There could always be a child for you," said the girl's mother, Nancy Hart. "Judith was Ed's last gift to me. I want her to know who her father was and to be recognized as his child."

No state recognizes as legitimate a child conceived after the father's death, said Kathryn Kolbert, vice president of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, which filed the suit.

Edward William Hart Jr. was diagnosed with cancer in March 1990 and died that June. Mrs. Hart became pregnant in September 1990.



THE ROUTE TO SERENITY



Airlines Act On Security After Blast Aboard Jet

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Philippine and Japanese aviation authorities acted Monday to tighten security after an explosion aboard a Philippine Airlines 747 jet killed a Japanese passenger and

injured six others. Japanese police were studying the possibility of sabotage in Sunday's explosion aboard Flight 434 to Tokyo from Manila and Cebu, said an Okinawa Prefectural Police official.

In Cebu, Antonio Oppus, the airport general manager, said in a radio interview that authorities were investigating airport personnel on duty Sunday and reviewing the passenger list. Several hours after the explo-

sion, a caller claiming to belong to the Abu Sayyaf Group, a Muslim fundamentalist group responsible for numerous bombings and kidnappings in the southern Philippines, telephoned The Associated Press in Manila and claimed responsi-

But the Philippine television station ABS-CBN reported Monday that a group leader denied that Abu Sayyaf was responsible. The chief of police at Manifa's airport, Peter Mutuc, also questioned the claim.

A spokesman for the Moro National Liberation Front also cast doubts on reports that the blast had been caused by members of Abu Sayyaf, a break-



Security was stepped up Monday at the Manila international airport following the in-flight explosion on Sunday.

away group from his own orga-adequate, but just to allay the nization. He doubted that fears of the riding public, we are members had the technical expertise to plant a bomb on an аігріяле.

Passengers said the explosion blew a hole in the floor of the jet and set the ceiling aftre. Passengers extinguished the fire with

blankets.
The jet, with 273 passengers.
and 20 crew members aboard, made a safe emergency landing about an hour later at Naha and well in place," Mr. Cunairport on Okinawa.

measures already in place are nel that any security system can

boosting our security in all these places that we have," said

Guillermo Cunanan, Manila International Airport's general manager, also said security would be tightened.

Manolo Aquino, Philippine

Airlines' executive vice presi-

dent for administration and ser-

"Our security system is tight anan said. "However, we have "We feel that the security to remind our security person-

only be as good as the people unknown who was in seat 26K

implementing it."
The man killed was identified as Haruki Ikegami, 24, an employee of Juki Corp., a major industrial sewing machine maker. Mr. Ikegami was returning from a business trip to Cebu. PAL officials in Tokyo said

the explosion occurred beneath Ikegami sat after joining the flight in Cebu. All of the injured were sitting in front of his seat. The officials said 46 passengers got off in Cebu, and it was

on the flight from Manila. The officials said it was possible that someone who left the plane had placed explosive material under the seat.

Since the explosion occurred over international waters, the government of the country in which the flight originated seat No. 26K on the right-hand the Philippines — will run the side of the fuselage where Mr. investigation, Japanese Transport Ministry officials said.

Three Japanese officials were to join the investigation.

(AP, AFP, Reuters)

devised a speculative inventory of what could have been stockpiled in the governor's private quarters: up to \$230 million in cash, 15 pounds (7 kilograms) of gold, bricks of silver, sacks of gems worth \$13 million, title to

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ily were killed in the July 9

crash. His only surviving son,

Ranjit Malhotra, has denied

that a fortune was found in the

governor's mansion and criti-

cized reports of his father's

torrent of criticism about the

state of governmental corrup-tion and the country's ethics.

our rulers to be corrupt, they

are not shocked by the corrup-tion when it is divulged," said

Sunday magazine, one of In-

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The stories also have focused

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the governor for covert anti-ter-

rorist operations. Until recent-

ly, there was a violent separatist

group in Punjab, and numerous

police and government officials

are alleged to have converted

millions of dollars in "black"

defense funds to personal use.

Perhaps most ominous, the

growing public outrage about

official corruption is threaten-

willing to believe the worst."

The allegations unleashed a

"Not only do people expect

wealth as "vicious gossip."

inet position."

\$160,000 in stocks.

By John Ward Anderson Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI -It is one of those stories that keeps getting bigger every time it is told.

Last July, when the governor of the north Indian state of Punjab, Surendra Nath, died along with most of his family in a crash of a private plane, rumors of his ill-gotten wealth began circulating almost immedi-

At first, the sums mentioned were relatively modest - say, in the range of \$1.5 million. But by this month, based on reports that newspapers and magazines variously attributed to "high government sources," "senior politicians" and "rumors in political circles," his personal fortune had topped \$265 million.

Like the size of his purported stash, the stories about its discovery were approaching unbelievable proportions.

"The government," one newspaper in New Delhi claimed, "had made inquiries to ascertain the truth behind reports that currency notes had rained from two boxes after the plane carrying the governor and his family crashed.

Exaggerated or not, the presumed scandal has refocused attention on one of the most damning aspects of life in India: pervasive corruption that exists at every level of society. Official graft is one of the biggest complaints of foreign investors considering India as a destination, and it continues to siphon valuable funds from social development programs.

Like most scandals in India that involve high-level officials, no one seems to want to investigate the circumstances surrounding Mr. Nath's alleged treasure trove. After police and various state and federal agencies begged off, the Punjab High Court finally ordered complete disclosure by Feb. 12 of what was found.

ing to spread beyond the Nath In the meantime, the press case to the national political arena. Questions about how such extensive corruption goes undetected by investigative agencies have rekindled interest in a long-dormant probe of payoffs allegedly made to some of the most powerful politicians

\$84 million in real estate and and highest-ranking governmental officials.

That case involves a diary As the story snowballed, so that was found by police, along did demands for investigations with 9,750 pounds of gold, durand, belatedly, official denials. But even assuming gross exaging a 1991 raid on the home and geration, reasonable people being a 1991 raid on the home and nessman allegedly involved in gan asking: All this on a govern's salary of \$355 per month? exchanging dollars and rupes on the black market and transnor's salary of \$355 per month? ing but you can rest assured ferring the funds between ac-nothing will happen," said Nani counts here and abroad.

The man kept a ledger with numbers and initials that, when yer. "In India, no laws are en- deciphered, appeared to be a forced, and no one gets pun- list of payoffs made to top bu-

ished. If the man were alive reaucrats and politicians, But what stunned people even more were notations indi-Mr. Nath was appointed gov-ernor of Punjab in 1991. Nine lice officials. cating payments to senior po-

Most of the people listed in the diary have denied accepting any money from the man.

Lee Kuan Yew Sues IHT Over an Opinion Article

PARIS - Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior minister, has filed a civil suit in Singapore for damages against an American academic and executives of the International Herald Tribune.

The suit is in addition to a contempt of court action by the Singapore government over an opinion article that appeared Oct. 7 in the IHT. The article was written by Christopher Lingle, who was then a teacher at the National University of Sinattention on an unaudited se- gapore.

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Yao Yilin, China Communist Hard-Liner, Dies at 77

BELJING - Yao Yilin, 77, a conservative central planner who served as a member of the Politburo of China's Communist Party from 1985 to 1992, died Sunday.

A member of the hard-line faction often opposed to the scale and pace of reform in the

that sanctioned the military crackdown on the Tiananmen Square uprising of 1989.

Never a favorite of Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, Mr. Yao's presence in the inner circle of power stemmed from his association with Chen Yun, Mr. Chen, 89, 1980s, Mr. Yao was among the is the most senior of the conser-

Mr. Deng's era of reform. Stanislaw Maczek, 102, Polish General in War

LONDON (AP) - Major General Stanislaw Maczek, believed to be the last surviving senior allied commander from World War II, died Sunday at

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Max Bill, 85, Swiss Sculptor And Artist in 'Concrete' Style

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Committee of the Politburo orthodox Marxist values during sulate-general in Scotland, was also an architect and writer, where he settled after com- collapsed at the Berlin airport manding the First Armored Di- on Friday while waiting for a

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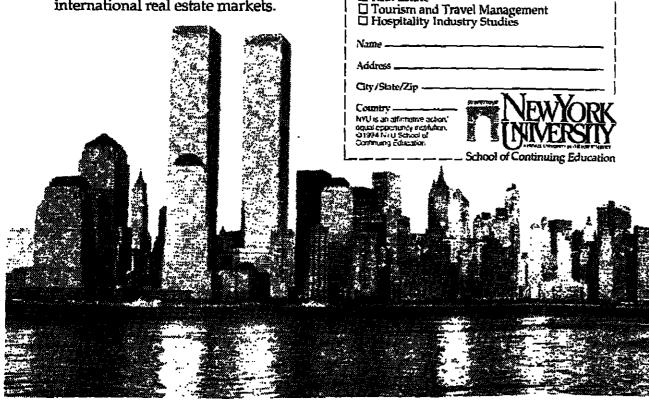
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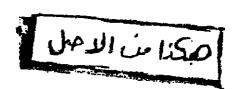
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Useful Counterculture

Generational bonding experiences have zens — its young — overturned a war always been important in American life. policy that was, in fact, deranged. Civil War veterans kept meeting until time scythed down the last of them. The Depression shaped the economic dreams, and fears, of millions of young couples and their children. People who fought in World War II have moved through history with a fortifying set of common memories. So have the children born to them during and shortly after that war.

This last group profoundly altered the way Americans think about their inner lives, fellow citizens, the earth upon which we live and the process by which older citizens in Washington decide when and where young Americans die in combat.
Now, in an excess of Republican

triumphalism, the party's new leaders have decided to make "counterculture" into a pejorative. What flapdoodle. No period in American history has seen a ficher fulfillment of the informing ideals of freedom of personal and political ex-pression that lie at the heart of the American intellectual tradition.

Like many of his elders, Representa-

tive Newt Gingrich may prefer a stricter regimen of social conformity and religious observance. But the millions of Americans who incorporated the cultural ideals of the 1960s and the decade's healthy spirit of political activism are foolish to abandon the high ground because of his postelection slanging. Cer-tainly the excesses of the decade are easy to parody, and its summery, hedonistic ethos then and now reduced modern puritans to fits of twisting discomfort. America is still close enough to the frontier experience of relentless work and danger to

view any kind of fun with suspicion. No true historian, however, can believe that it is possible to repudiate so large a cultural event in a nation's history, or to dismiss its seminal political events as a 'McGovern-nik" aberration.

The '60s spawned a new morality-based politics that emphasized the individual's responsibility to speak out against injustice and corruption. It was this renewed sense of responsibility that led enough people to raise their voices to end America's most disastrous foreign military adventure, the Vietnam War. On this level, the '60s saw an exercise in mass sanity in which a nation's previously voiceless citi-

The spirit of the age, like the tactics of the anti-war movement, was shaped by the civil rights movement. Its lessons of citizen empowerment, to use the '90s term, led to the progress of the environmental, women's and gay rights movements. The counterculture, in sum, produced a renewal of the Thoreauvian ideal of the clear, defiant voice of the dissenting citizen.

There was another empowering aspect of the counterculture's confrontation with the Washington monolith. Those days produced the sad wisdom, now indispensable in American politics, that the government will lie to protect its interests and that constant vigilance is necessary to keep it honest.

The influence of '60s individualism was not limited to politics. It fostered a psychological movement which, while it burdened our shelves with tomes of psychobabble, also enabled people in emo-tional torment to ask for help without being stigmatized. It gave people in dead or abusive relationships permission to break out.

Would many Americans truly like to imagine a society returned to the dicta-torship of the majority culture? Would they like to go back to the days of blatant, sanctioned discrimination against African-Americans and women, to a world deprived of all the '60s ingredients that still simmer in the cultural stew, including an American music that has become a global language?

We think not. For one thing, there are too many Republicans who are also Grateful Dead fans or, for that matter, divorced, ex-potheads and opponents of

state-regulated prayer and abortion.
At its essence, the counterculture was about one of conservatives' favorite words: values. It was a repudiation of the blind obedience and reflexive cynicism of politics as usual. It was about exposing hypocrisy, whether personal or political, and standing up to irrational authority. As in any large movement, it accommodated its share of charlatans and sociopaths. But it is part of us, a legacy around which Americans can now unite, rather than allow themselves to be divided.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Lesson of the Lower Back

For pain of the lower back, a malady from which a lot of people occasionally suffer, it now turns out that drugs stronger (and more expensive) than aspirin are generally not desirable. And by the way, it's exercise, not bed rest, that will make things better.

by a process that is beginning to have an anxiety and panic disorders. The purpose impact on the practice of medicine in is to improve the effectiveness of treat-America. As costs of health care soared. doctors began to notice wide differences from one region of the country to another and from one doctor to another in treatments for many conditions including some, like lower back pain, that are very common. Five years ago Congress set up the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research to examine these discrepancies and offer advice. This guideline on sore backs is the agency's 14th.

In each case, it sets up a panel composed largely of recognized specialists, but always including at least one consumer, to conduct a broad sweep of all the available research. It is odd, in view of the enormous amounts of money spent on medical research, but much actual practice is based on tradition rather than on scientific evidence - and that is one major reason for the disparities in treatments.

The agency's job is to look into the

questions that come up frequently in practice but on which there is no consensus. The agency has panels working on guidelines for, among other things, the rehabilitation of the victims of heart attacks and strokes, screening for Alzbeimer's disease and colorectal cancer, These admonitions are brought to you and the treatment and management of ment. But in many cases, including back pain, the guidelines also have the effect of discouraging elaborate diagnostic procedures and expensive surgery that is shown to be of little value.

It is useful work, and recently Congress asked its own Office of Technology Assessment to see how the agency was progressing. The OTA concluded that the agency is making valuable contributions but often is limited by an absence of relevant research. It hasn't got the money to fill that need.

Although it runs severely against the budget-cutting fashion to say so, some of the money that the federal government spends does indeed help Americans in ways that the private market, however admirable, cannot. The case of the guidelines on lower back pain is an example to keep in mind.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

The Horns of Chinese Inflation

At an annual rate of over 20 percent, China's inflation is the nightmare of any economic planner. Add to it the memory of the Tiananmen bloodshed, which was sparked partly by the rampant price increases, and one can understand why the Chinese Communist Party is jittery. It warned that unless drastic measures were taken to moderate inflation pressure, the country would soon be swamped by economic chaos, and social and political unrest. Inflation is but one of many problems confronting China in its transition to a free market system. All are intertwined; none can be resolved without extracting a price on other fronts. A more stringent and selective allocation of funds, for example, will add to the debt payment of many loss-making stateowned enterprises and the unemployunavoidable in such a mammoth endeavor. The sooner the Chinese government

takes the bull by the home, the more

gradual and less painful the adjustment rocess will be.

The Straits Times (Singapore).

Next, the Delors Imitators

Jacques Delors demonstrated, through his popularity and the substantial number of people - not just of the left - who intended to vote for him, that the idea of reform is one that can be defended. Will the torch be picked up? After the lesson in high ethical standards offered by Mr. Delors, the courtiers of yesterday and the opportunists of always will surely try to practice Delorism without Delors. But it was precisely this comedy of appearances and personal ambitions that Jacques Delors, through his attitude, denounced. And that is his real message: Reform cannot stand opportunistic arrangements. It apment rate. Yet, unpleasant policies are pears, then, that reform may have to wait. In the current state of the nation, that would be a serious mistake.

-J.-M. C. in Le Monde (Paris).



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Rewards Aggression

By Lou Cannon

OS ANGELES - As chairman of the blue-ribbon commission investigating the Los Angeles Police Department in 1991, Warren Christopher was outraged by testimony of police of-ficials that Chief Daryl Gates had dealt leniently with officers who used excessive force.

Mr. Christopher has reverence for the rule of law. He was so offended by evidence that some

Diplomacy, even at the high level practiced by Warren Christopher, has its limits. They long ago were exceeded with the Serbs.

officers repeatedly used force and racist language that he persuaded the commission to take the unexpected step of seeking the resignation of Mr. Gates. Mr. Christopher was a hero in Los Angeles after the Rodney

King incident because he sought to apply high moral standards to a police force he believed was out of control. Those who admired him then are sad to see him bob and weave as he rationalizes the paralysis of the Clinton administration toward the murderous, racist Bosnian Serbs who mock the heritage and religion of their victims.

None of the excessive-force allegations investigated by the Christopher Commission involved loss of life. But an estiment of motorists opposed, as mated 200,000 people in the secretary of state, the arming

former Yugoslavia, mostly civilians, have perished since the Clinton administration took office after promising to reverse the do-nothing Bosnian policies of George Bush.

Mr. Christopher is an excellent lawyer and a competent politician. Surely, some reasonable political statute of limitations applies to the responsibility of the last administration for the conduct of the present one.

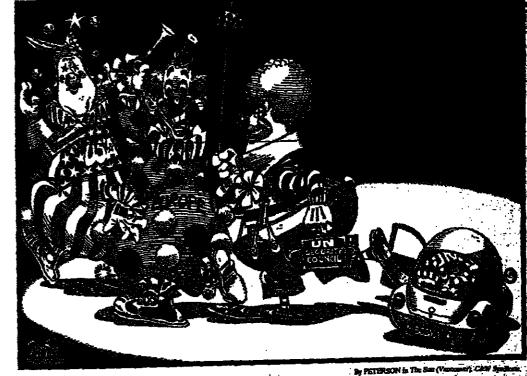
Yes, as Mr. Christopher ali-bies, it was President Bush's inaction in 1991 when the Serbs invaded Croatia and leveled Vukovar that led the aggressors to believe they could get away with anything. But some of us be-lieved Bill Clinton when he promised to act differently.

In his Oct. 12, 1992, debate with then President Bush, Mr. Clinton said: "I think we should stiffen the embargo on the Belgrade government, and I think we have to consider whether or not we should lift the arms embargo now on the Bosnians since they are in no way in a fair fight with a heavily armed opponent bent on ethnic cleansing.

While always opposing intervention with ground troops, Mr. Clinton called for air strikes against the Serbs.

Last Jan. 24, Mr. Christopher said in Paris that the Bosnians were fully justified in trying to recover territories that the Serbs had taken from them by aggres-sion. Nevertheless, the Clinton administration has not deterred the Serbs from their advance.

The man who in private life was shocked at police mistreat-



of Bosnian Muslims to defend themselves from genocide.

When Congress voted to lift the arms embargo, it acted against the objections of the State Department. Now Mr. Christopher again has his head in the sand. After Senator Bob Dole called on the United Nations to withdraw its misnamed "peacekeepers" and allow use of air power against Serbian military targets, he called this minimalist plan a "war strategy."

Mr. Christopher said he prefers the "peace strategy" of ne-gotiating with the Serbs. A more accurate term would be "surrender strategy," since the Serbs are totally uninterested in any settlement that denies them their Bosnian conquests.

We will never know what would have happened if Mr. Clinton had armed the Bosnians, who were left to fight with small arms against the fourth sufficient will to oppose them.

largest army in Europe. We do know that the only significant pause in the Serbian campaign of terror occurred after NATO planes bombed Serbian artillery positions in retaliation for the

shelling of civilians in Sarajevo.

Mr. Christopher is a masterful negotiator. In 1981 he won national acclaim and the Medal of Freedom for negotiating the release of Americans held hostage in Iran. A decade later he persuaded conservatives on the Christopher Commission to recommend the ouster of Chief Gates on grounds that the move would promote public healingin Los Angeles.

But this well-intentioned man is deluding himself if he believes that the Bosnian Serbs respond to the language of diplomacy. Instead, the Serbs are holding UN troops hostage because they are convinced that no one has

President Clinton's belated decision to commit American troops if it is necessary to help. UN troops withdraw was the first sign that his administra-tion is beginning to understand the Bosnian reality. A federal juri

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His next step, once the troops are out, should be to bomb military targets until the aggressors realize that their conquests come at a price. It may be too late to save Bosnia, but such firmness may avert a future showdown with the Serbs and greater casualties in Albania or Macedonia.

The Bosman Serbs are murderons, not stupid. They stopped shelling Sarajevo when their artillery was bombed, and more vital military targets are within easy range of NATO warplanes. Diplomacy, even at the high level practiced by Warren Christopher, has its limits. They long ago were exceeded with the Serbs.

Seize the Moment and Prepare a Victory for Collective Security

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton wants Americans to be-lieve that the United States has long been committed to using U.S. ground troops to extract United Nations peacekeepers from Bosnia. That is false.

"We agreed for planning purposes," he told Univision last week, "that in the event the United Nations mission in Bosnia would be terminated and the soldiers had to get out, and they were in trouble so that they needed protection in getting out, that we would participate in doing that.

That is a commitment that the United States has had for some time now," Mr. Clinton added. "We said that back bedent Bush was in office, and the Europeans said that they wanted to take the lead in Bosnia; and we encouraged them to do that but, if they got in trouble and had to get out, we would help them get out."
That was his explanation for announc-

ing his decision to send up to 25,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia if asked to cover the withdrawal of the 23,000 lightly armed peacekeeper-hostages.
Initial congressional and editorial reac-

tion to Mr. Clinton's carrying out George Bush's commitment was predictable: We

By William Safire

have to keep our promise, but our involvement had better be limited to the withdrawal, and under an American commander, with everybody home quick, etc. Nobody stopped to ask: Exactly who promised what to whom, and why is this

the first we've heard of it? Over the weekend, I called Lawrence Eagleburger, secretary of state at the end of the Bush administration, to ask if he had made a secret commitment to send U.S. troops to rescue allied troops. "I don't want to call the president a liar," he replied, "but I don't remember any such

commitment. Ask Brent." I called Brent Scowcroft, President Bush's national security adviser. "When they put their forces in," he recalled, "we said - I think to John Major - that if it became necessary, we would protect them with our air power. We never talked about sending in American ground forces."

No high-level, publicly accountable Clinton administration official wanted to refute the president's misleading implication that in sending ground troops he was carrying out his predecessor's promise.

The administration person assigned to respond on background did some checking and replied: "Our commitment was confined to air power. There were discussions during the Bush administration about the use of ground troops but no commitments. We have now extended this to include ground forces. It is not a continuation but an

extension of the earlier commitment." That's a whole new kettle of fish. With no debate, without congressional examination, and without even a straight ex-planation, President Clinton has committed to America's allies - who have treated all its Bosnia suggestions with contempt — up to 25,000 U.S. combat troops to cover their retreat. How's that for untrammeled presidential power?

Has anyone stopped to define the world's mission in the Balkans? It is not to feed refugees; not to pressure the victims to surrender, not primarily to protect the protectors. It is to stop Serbian aggression and force an equitable end to the war.

To that end, the United States should contribute what no other nation can to coerce the aggressor: the massive application of air power. But the British and French won't hear of that; they want to

get their troops extricated and American ground troops intricated. Before Congress approves the Clinton

"extension" to help cover the withdrawal of UN hostages, Washington should get return commitments: 1. A commitment of 25,000 British. 25,000 French, and 25,000 German troops, among others, to match the mag-nanimous Chinton ground-troop offer, with each command assigned a sector to

bring out the UN hostages.

2. A commitment by NATO nations to lift the embargo now preventing Bosnia's Muslims from defending their land; and by the UN forces to turn over military

threaten departing UN peacekeepers. 3. NATO's commitment to bomb Serbian military and strategic targets after the withdrawal, actively taking the Muslim side until Serbs withdraw to the 50-50

partition agreed to by Bosnia. A superpower does not put its soldiers and pilots at risk solely to cover an ignominious retreat. The United States should seize this moment to brush aside the United Nations and organize a NATO victory for collective security.

The New York Times.

Islamic Challenge: Come to Terms at Last With the Modern World

PARIS — The case of Taslima Nasrin, the Bangladesh novel-ist condemned by Islamic fundamentalists, demonstrates the plight of Islamic intellectuals who struggle in their own countries not only to write what they want to write but to establish the larger freedom to debate ideas.

The Salman Rushdie case in Britain has tended to obscure rather than illuminate the problems of those Islamic writers and intellectuals who are remote from the West's promotional and publicity machine and its fashionable causes. They are instead in the midst of their own societies, where no strong tradition of secular thought exists.

Taslima Nasrin did not write to shock. She first became controversial with a novel addressing the issues of Hindu-Muslim relations in Bangladesh, after Hindu

The fatwa condemning her was issued last year by a rural religious group and has no standing in law, but the Bangladesh goverament has since accused her of offending religious feelings. Under these pressures, she felt compelled to take refuge in Europe. She now lives in Sweden.

Naguib Mahfouz, the Egyptian Nobel laureate, was stabbed and militant. Egypt's information min-ister has called him the conscience of the Arab world, but one of his after being attacked as heretical

On Algeria, Some Are Talking Sense

By John K. Cooley

NICOSIA — Algeria's military rulers scornfully denounced it. The Western news media barely noticed it. But an imaginative effort by an obscure Roman Catholic body in Rome last month just may have been an important step toward halting the domino effect of Algerian violence.

The Roman Catholic Sant Egidio community assembled representatives of 12 Algerian opposition groups. Putting aside their guns, they talked quietly.

Algeria's first president, Ahmed ben Bella, had ruled from 1962 until his overthrow in 1964 with a mixture of mild Islamism and tepid Marxism. In Rome, he sounded a moderate keynote. calling for free elections.

If the banned Islamic Salvation Front should win, he said. "let them try to rule. We must face up to the consequences of democratic elections."

ary 1992 to permit such elections

that led to the army takeover and

sparked the current bout of kill-

It was the unwillingness of the army and the government in Janu-

seriously injured in October by a novels was banned for many years

ings — perhaps 15,000 to date. The Algerian parties emerged from their talks in Rome with admonitions to the Zeroual regime in Algiers to free political prisoners (whose numbers may equal the ca-

ful political discourse. Anwar Haddam an emigre FIS spokesman, insisted that his group was committed to political pluralism and nonviolent constitutionalism. Perhaps, but the Zeroual government's fear and distaste after the Rome meeting was palpable. A

spokesman denounced "interfer-

sualty figures) and to allow peace-

ence in our internal affairs." The Economist's new annual, The World in 1995, says the FIS or an even more radical group has "a betting chance" of coming to power in Algeria next year. The governments of Tunisia and Morocco, as well as other North Afri-

cans, are watching events closely. Surely, following the example the Rome group was hoping to set, it is time for all interested governments and politicians in North Africa to lay down their guns and get on with the business of responsible dialogue.

International Herald Tribune.

By William Pfaff

fanatics in India destroyed a in 1959 by religious authorities at mosque in 1992 and provoked a Al Azhar University. communal crisis in that country. He accepted that ban with She subsequently spoke frankequanimity, but recently came ly about the condition of women

under new verbal assault from in fundamentalist Islamic society. fundamentalists, and has refused police protection. The October assault followed, in front of his apartment in a modest district of Cairo. This all occurred in the political context of the Egyptian overnment's attempt to repress the fundamentalist movement.

The most serious struggle is in Algeria, where something close to a civil war is going on between the fundamentalists, who won the last national election but were prevented from taking power, and the corrupt and incompetent "revolutionary" government, which has ruled the country since Algeria gained independence in 1962.

Nonfundamentalist intellectuals, teachers, writers and journalists, as well as foreign residents in Algeria, have become the particular targets of integrist gunmen. All stand for what the fundamentalists consider contamination by Western ideas and the challenge of impious thought. One fundamentalist group has been attacking students and schools. They hold that to be taught mathematics, literature and science is a dis-

traction from God. I consider the fundamentalist movement less important for the outside world than it often is made out to be. It must eventually fail because its goal is impossible. One cannot re-establish society on a romanticized and unhistorical notion about how Muslims believed and lived in

the 8th century. However, there is a historical explanation for why the fundamentalist movement exists and for why it makes the claims it does. In Western language, it is Islam's lack of the God-and-Caesar distinction. Western Christianity from the beginning distinguished the claims of the state from the claims of religion. "Caesar" was rendered what was his: his taxes, obedience to his civil laws, service in his army. Religion's claims were in the spiritual order. Religion demanded faith,

virtue, charity, penitence. After Rome's fall, when Charlemagne was made the new 'holy" emperor of the West, he was crowned in the year 800 by the Pope, which signified not his submission to the Pope but his consecration by the Pope. Charlemagne was acknowledged sovereign in his realm, the political realm. He was the state. The Pope was the church.

Later in the Middle Ages, when Greek thought was rediscovered in the West (thanks to its having been preserved by Arab schol-ars!), Aquinas and other church thinkers made a similar distinction between philosophy and theology. The theologian might deal with higher matters, but the secular thinker — the philosopher

was sovereign in his own field. This is the tradition lacking in Islam. Islamic thinkers never succeeded in separating religious thought from secular thought, religion from politics. The purpose of government was never understood as being simply to govern—to sort out the practical issues of life and rule the community. It

had to be to save souls. Bernard Lewis, the eminent American specialist on Islam, writes that for Muslims a government's principal purpose is "to enable the individual Muslim to lead a good Muslim life; this is, in the last analysis, the purpose of the state, for which alone it is established by God, and for which alone statesmen are given authority over others." Islamic funda-

mentalists follow this belief. Here is the dilemma of the intellectual in Islamic society. He or she can simply reject Islam and leave. But if the writer or intellectual stays, he or she assumes a role that the Islamic religion has never recognized as entirely le-gitimate. The role is essential Muslim societies sooner or later must come to terms with the modern world outside Islam. But the role is tragically difficult and these days very dangerous.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Against Diphtheria

NEW YORK -The leading physicians of New York met yesterday [Dec. 11] to discuss plans to aid the Herald's subscription for the purchase of Dr. Roux's antitoxine for diphtheria. The Academy of Medicine has called a meeting for tomorrow to aid the Herald's subscription. The Herald hopes that the generous heart of New York will respond as

1919: National Motto

NEW YORK - Sentiments expressed by the late Colonel [Theodore Roosevelt with regard to the use of the national motto "In God we Trust," on the United States' coins will arouse attention. Colonel Roosevelt considered that the use of the motto on the American coinage tended to cheapen such a beautiful and solemn sentence.

"To use the motto on coins or to use it in any kindred manner, wrote Colonel Roosevelt in 1907, "is irreverent and comes dangerously close to sacrilege."

1944: Germany's Future

quickly as did that of Paris.

LONDON — [From our New York edition: American hopes for "complete and ruthless" abolition of German war industries and strict control of the country's future economy were reported to be under discussion as part of an. Allied plan to suppress Germany's aggressive powers forever. Sub# mission of the American proposals marked the first time that any of the big powers had formally put forward any plans for the future German economy. There was a growing belief that Russia's proposals, when presented, would suggest that several million Germans be sent to Russia to help in

reconstruction of the country.

By Bob Herbert

NEW YORK — You'd like to think of it as a skit. Play-acting. Theater of the absurd. The professor, in his African costume, stands before his student followers and plays the buffoon.

Energized by the spotlight, the professor loudly proclaims that white people are nefarious, pigment-challenged "ice people" — cold, egotistical and exploitive. Black people, on the other hand, are warm and friendly, unfailingly humanistic and spiritual, the "sun people." And Jews? Well, they stink.

It must be a joke, right? A put-on. Ladies and gentlemen, let's hear it

A federal judge called Jeffries 'thuggish' and described his comments as 'hateful' and 'poisonous,' but Jeffries still heads his department at City College in New York.

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for that champion of melanin -- the chairman and chief anti-Semite of the black studies department at City College in New York — PROFES-SOR LEONARD JEFFRIES.

You keep waiting for the laughter because you don't want any of this to be real. But the laughter doesn't come, or it comes in the wrong places.

Mr. Jeffries is notorious for his bigotry and for teaching nonsense. He should have been chased from the campus long ago. But more than two decades of cowardice and irresponsibility by blacks and whites alike have allowed him to remain a tenured professor and chairman of his department.

The situation is grotesque. Mr. Jeffries spends much of his time babbling about the evil influence of Jews and the wonders of melanin. City College officials knew for a very long time that his classes were exercises in the ridiculous, but it wasn't until the professor gave a blatantly anti-Semitic speech in Albany, New York, in 1991 that he

gained wide public attention. In that speech he charged that "rich lews" had financed the slave trade and that Jews had conspired with the Mafia to make movies designed to bring about "the destruction of black people," He talked about the "head Jew" at City College and complained about Diane

Ravitch, whom he characterized as

"a sophisticated Texas Jew." The speech led to an extended legal confrontation as the college finally tried to remove Mr. Jeffries as department chairman. That issue has not been resolved.

But a federal judge found that Mr. Jeffries's behavior had been "thug-gish" and that he had made "hateful, poisonous and reprehensible state-ments" that were "incompatible with the civilized discourse and conduct expected of tenured professors."

However the court case plays out, the bigger question is why Mr. Jef-fries's clownish act was allowed to run so long at City College - from the early 1970s until now. Top officials of City College and City University are certainly to blame for trying to buy racial peace by short-changing Mr. Jeffries's students.

But what about black people, both on and off campus? Where was the outery against bigotry and in-competence? Where was the acknowledgment that the toxic winds of racism blow in more than one direction? Where was the outrage over the fact that a department geared toward black students was allowed for more than two decades to wallow in ignorance rather than strive for excellence?

Mr. Jeffries, with his colorful garb and his entourage and his arrogant attitude, is a perpetual reminder of the utter failure of blacks and whites of goodwill to deal honestly with racial matters, and to look out for

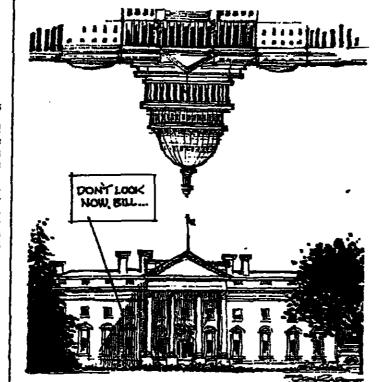
the well-being of black youngsters.
What does it mean to be taught by
a professor who says that each white ethnic grouping can be represented by an animal, and that the animal that represents Jews is the skunk? What kind of parents would want such a professor teaching their child? Mr. Jeffries has much of City Col-

lege intimidated. Black students who know that he is a charlatan are airaid to protest, airaid even to criticize him if there is a chance they will be identified. Such an atmosphere turns the

whole idea of the student-teacher relationship upside down. It makes a mockery of the archetype of the wise old man (or woman) who assists the youngster in the difficult transition to a successful adulthood.

Life is tough. For youngsters who come from a disadvantaged background, it's tougher still. For those who are guided in their development by preposterous and hatefilled incompetents, it must be toughest of all.

The New York Times.



seemed likely to be adequate. Then, on July 19, 1945, new intelli-LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confusion Over Bosnia

A shiver of fear ran down my spine as I read your weekend edition and realized how quickly relations between Europe and the United States have declined and just how seriously British, French and other European officials are taking the views of the new Republican leadership on NATO and Bosnia. Senator Bob Dole's visits to 10 Downing Street and Brussels, along with Newt Gingrich's recent public comments, demonstrate that the majority position in Washington is one of free-wheeling threats and unin-

formed criticism. As an expatriate I am embarrassed at the obvious disarray in American foreign policy, and alarmed at the siege mentality in Washington. I fear potential escalation in Bosnia, even to the point of confrontation with Russia.

Who is speaking for the United States? Is there an administration still loval to the chief executive? The United States has clearly stat-

ed its desire to stay out of Bosnia.

R. W. WHITE.

On French Diplomacy

Through vigorous diplomacy the French have achieved three major objectives in the war of Yugoslav

Europe (except when it is in the process of losing a war, of course). the

France has established itself as

the effective leader of the Western alliance in European matters, having blackmailed and bullied Germany into backing down from its principled stand on ex-Yugoslavia.

• France's traditional ally, Serbia, has been preserved as an imperial power, while nations that France views as within the German orbit, especially Croatia, have been dismembered, pillaged and debilitated. More generally, the democratic de-velopment of Central Europe has been retarded through the encouragement of aggressive nationalist movements and the clear message that the West will not protect democracy or national borders in this region. Thus, the movement of the European center of gravity from France to Germany has been partially thwarted.

ERIC HALGREN. Rennes, France.

The Swiss and Immigrants

Regarding the report "Swiss Ballot: Jail Unwanted Aliens?" (Dec. 3): I generally appreciate the accuracy

of your reporting as well as the attenened if not destroyed. France has always wanted U.S. troops out of Europe (except when it is in in the strong of t the jailing only of illegal aliens, such those who have destroyed their identity papers before asking for asylum, in order to prevent Swiss au-thorities from sending them back to their country of origin; those who refuse to leave the country, living clandestinely after their request has been turned down; and those who come as tourists and then take a job and stay on. If the measure found support among the Swiss, it is be-cause they believe that if someone requests asylum or wants to live in Switzerland, he or she should respect its laws. But the Swiss, unlike Californian voters, will not vote to deny schooling or medical treatment to the

MELBOURNE — Before the atomic bombs on Hiroshima

MEANWHILE

the island, where there were report-

edly three additional divisions and

one or two tank units. In all of

Japan, there were thought to be no more than 2,500 aircraft, of which

300, mostly fighters, would be used

Against this resistance, the Amer-

ican invasion force of four corps,

each of three divisions, supplement-

ed by the best part of another two

divisions, with a third in reserve,

for suicide attacks.

children of illegal aliens. ANDRE MAILLARD. Cologny, Switzerland.

A Weighty UN Presence

The brilliant MacNelly cartoon of the Serbian tank driving over the UN car (IHT, Dec. 9) omits one important detail: Where's the Bosnian? Answer: Lying under the car, where the UN told her she would be protected.

ARTHUR LINDLEY.

By Denis Warner

On Kyushu's Shores, a Death Trap

and Nagasaki brought the Pacific War to an immediate and largely unexpected end, Operation Olympic, the U.S. invasion of the southern Japanese home island of Kyushu, was scheduled for Nov. 1, 1945. gence revealed that the Japanese. with uncanny anticipation of where the landings would come, had raised their strength to no less than 11 divisions, with two others in reserve. Early intelligence indicated that Worse, the initial estimates of Japathe Japanese would have only three nese air power were dangerously divisions deployed to the south of astray. When the war ended on Aug. 15, Japan still had 12,725 planes of all the mountains that divide southern types. One hundred underground air-Kyushu, where the landings were to craft production plants were in construction. No fewer than 1,131 planes had been produced in July alone. take place, from the northern part of

I had been scheduled to land in the southwestern corner of Kyushu with the 5th U.S. Amphibious Corps, consisting of the 2d, 3d and 5th marine divisions. So I thought it would be interesting after the war to look at the beaches and to inquire into what sort of resistance we might have faced.

My war assignment had been to get ashore with the earliest possible wave of troops to collect material for a full broadsheet page for my newspapers in Australia and Britain, and then get out and dispatch the story as quickly as possible. It is an assignment I am glad to have missed.

All Japanese military units -- land. sea and air -- in and around Kyushu had been turned into a gigantic kamikaze force. Air cadets with only 70 hours' training, sometimes less, were being mass produced for suicide missions, whether as human bombs or to crash their planes into U.S. fighters. culties to any invasion force. Be-Most of the new pilots were taught youd the beachhead, a marshy plain Most of the new pilots were taught only basic diving skills, no more.

Kamikaze attacks had been temporarily abandoned by mid-1945 while work proceeded on 20 new smcide air strips with underground hangars in southern Kyushu. These were ze campaign, we passed the material intended to help preserve the element. I had gathered about the defense of of surprise, as well as the planes, pilots and fuel. There were also plans to launch a new model of the baka, the flying human bomb, from caves in the mountains of Kyushu.

The Japanese operational plan was to annihilate most of the invad- the American invasion had gone ing force on the sea and on or near ahead as planned. the landing beaches. When it be-came obvious that landings were imminent, 300 specially trained naval combat pilots were to attack the U.S. task force. A second Japanese phalanx, made up of 2,000 army and

While these two forces engaged the Americans, 825 suicide aircraft have given rise to all the problems were to hit U.S. transport ships in experienced in Germany. the open sea. As the convoy approached, an additional 2,000 suicide planes were to attack in waves the Pacific for Australian and British

be used to discharge kaitens, or hu-man torpedoes, of which they had 78.

Torpedoes had been removed from more than 100 midget submarines, which were then bow-fitted with high-explosive warheads to mount suicide attacks. These were to be reinforced by more than 1,000 high-speed suicide motor boats, then under mass production. Loaded with explosive charges that detonated on impact, they had been used on a smaller scale against the U.S. landing in the Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines. All the midget submarines were to have

joined in the Japanese attacks against the U.S. transport ships off Kyushu. The beaches where the marines were to have landed made those at Saipan and Peleliu look like seaside resorts. In front of the beaches, which Japanese infantry division was to defend, were several long rock formations extending out into the sea. On either side of the beaches were small, heavily wooded peninsulas.

The road to the town of Sendai was paved with stone revetments leading to a river with fortified banks. Somehow, it would have had to be crossed. After this, for the lucky survivors would come a narrow passage flanked by high mountains and steep cliffs with caves used by the much-bombed civilians of Sendai as air raid shelters. The caves were made to order for suicidal defense,

The path to Kagoshima would have posed equally formidable diffiled to a defile in the mountains. This extended all the way across the peninsula to Kagoshima itself.

When my wife, Peggy, and I were working on a history of the kamika-Kyushu to the Australian Army Command and Staff College for its assessment of what would have happened if the Japanese had not surrendered immediately after the shock of the atomic bombing and

The college concluded that it was 'likely that the war would have been prolonged for many months, if not years, had atomic bombs not been dropped." It found that "there is also a good chance that a substantial navy planes, was to fight to the part of the Japanese home islands death to gain control of the air. would have been occupied by Soviet forces, which subsequently would

The writer, who covered the war in of 300 to 400 every hour.

The air action off Kyushu was to Warner of "The Sacred Warners, be complemented at sea. When the Japan's Suicide Legions." He conwar ended, the Japanese still had 19 tributed this comment to the Internaserviceable destroyers. These were to tional Herald Tribune.

BOOKS

THE ABORTIONIST: A Woman Against the Law By Rickie Solinger. 253 pages.

Reviewed by Carolyn See TUST as every drug has its

\$22.95, The Free Press.

side effects, every book has its subtext. "The Abortionist" is the biography of Ruth Barnett, who performed illegal abortions from the time she was a teenager until she was an old woman. She was jailed repeatedly in her later years, but the author is at pains to point out that from the 1920s to the early 1950s, Barnett pursued her profession with no interference from the law. She worked in Portland, Oregon, had a hand-

By Robert Byrne

BORIS GULKO beat Walter Browne in Round 1 of

the United States Champion-

Browne likes to seize central space aggressively against the

English Opening as he does here with 3...55 and he has been

successful with this strategy for

many years. But these ambi-

tions e and f pawns present

Position after 26 . . . Rg7

vance with 10...d5, Gulko

opened the center with 10 f3! ef 11 Bf3. After 11...c6 12 Ng2!,

Browne had no opportunity to advance with 12...d5 because 13 cd cd 14 Nf4 would have won

L Be6 14 d5 cd 15 cd Bf7 was to

be attacked.

• Rouald F. Maxwell, director of the film "Gettysburg," is reading "The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature," by Matt Ridley.

"It's a twrific book He col. It's a terrific book. He col-lects a lot of breakthroughs in

genetics and biology over the last 20 years. It gives you insight into human nature, especially as it manifests itself in the roleplaying between men and wom-(Al Goodman, IHT)



some suite of offices, a very lucky Portland, logging capital high degree of expertise; she of the West Coast, destination made a bundle of money and for a century's worth of hardy had a comparatively happy life. pioneers, a city still very much.

The subtext here is the story in the making when Barnett of rough-and-ready, happy-go-started her trade. Barnett, by her choice of profession, hung out with the demimonde of

A cute combination enabled Gulko to thrust the powerful 23 e4! Thus, 23...fe 24 Ne4! Ne4 25 Be4 Re4 26 Ng6! hg 27 Qh6 Bh7 sets up 28 Rf8mate.

On 24 Bg2, 24...fe? would have been smashed by 25 Bh3 Qd8 26 Ng6! hg 27 Rf6 Bf6 28 Bf6 Kh7 29 Ne4 Nb6 30 Ng5 Kh6 31 Nf7 Kh7 32 Qh6 mate.

After 24...Ng4 25 Bh3. After 24...Ng4 25 Bh3, Browne might have accepted a weak, isolated f pawn by 25...Be5 26 ef gf, even though 27 words any point of view. Barnett may have been seen. 30 Rf6 wins material: he had perhaps, as a savior of downgrothing better to do. nothing better to do.

27 of gf 28 Nh5, he had to lose rook for knight. Gulko clarified the position

Gulko threw himself into the task with 5 d4 e4 6 Nh4 g6 7 Bg5, creating a pin that could not be broken by 7...h6? because 8 Ng6! hg 9 Nh8 Bg7 10 h4! g4 11 Ng6 wins rook and pawn for a bishop.

Before browne could ad-34...Nc6, he gave up without waiting for Gulko's next move.

CHESS After Browne had unpinned with 16...Qd7, Gulko thwarted possible counterplay with 17...b5 by the restraining 17 a4. After 17...Rae8 18 Be3 Nc8 19 Bd4, the white queen bishop took up a powerful post indirectly bearing down on the black bins. black king.

A cute combination enabled

themselves as a target that can

with several exchanges and af-size 20. She should have been ter Browne had played either a good mother or a bad

ENGLISH OPENING the d5 pawn.

The effect of 12...d6 13 0-0

Be6 14 d5 cd 15 cd Bf7 was to yield White a spatial superiority in the center and to weaken the yield was to yield white a spatial superiority in the center and to weaken the

Portland, and the digressions here about city life in the hard-30s and the war-crazy '40s are absolutely marvelous.

This is life as Dashiell Hammett imagined it, or Raymond Chandler: The lights are low, the rugs are thick and Oriental, the sun is hidden by banks of low clouds and, sometimes on their hunch hour, office girls, college coeds, desperate wives and women who fit no easy description hurry to Barnett's offices where that tough lady (who was "helped out" once herself in her teens) pours soapy water and turns on her suction device and in an hour or two, the women walk out, their fu-

tures back in their own hands. It would seem that "The Abortionist" began as a femi-nist polemic, but the story tranperhaps, as a savior of down-trodden women — and in her But Browne, surely in time own eyes she was — but she pressure, blundered with made hundreds and hundreds 25 Bd4? and after 26 Qd4 Rg7 of thousands of dollars. She should have been, then, a medi-cal femme fatale but she was a heavy-set woman who wore a one, but she turned out to be as bamboozled as any striving par-ent: Her daughter, Maggie, wore a size 20, too, had a flock

> Rickie Solinger's thesis is that there's no point in enacting laws against abortion, since abortions will persist as long as there is beterosexual sex. Her second thesis is a mild slap on the wrists to pro-choice advocates and their rhetoric about the unspeakable horrors of illegal back-alley abortions. Sure, she writes, there were some

of kids and a total of nine hus-

bands, and absolutely loved her

butchers around, but then she trots out names and dates and places where competent, clean, ordinary abortionists worked. Many of these were women and many of them pursued their careers without event while police looked the other way, because while abortions were illegal, in the days before adequate birth control, many, many women sought them.

All this changed, the author points out, just after World War II and into the 1950s. The same social pressures that sent Rosie the Riveter back into the home dictated that she should have children. Thus, the same kinds of people who saw Communists everywhere saw "unwomanly" women everywhere. Psychiatrists opined that women who didn't want children were "pathological," or "castrating" females. Richard Reeves has remarked that the recent elections drinking 20s, the heartbreaking are emblematic of a devastating nostalgia for the domestic safe-ty of the '50s. Solinger suggests that even back then, Americans were nostalgic for the '50s, and in this general thrust toward a mythological normalcy, abortions became more than illegal; they became a crime against God and the State.

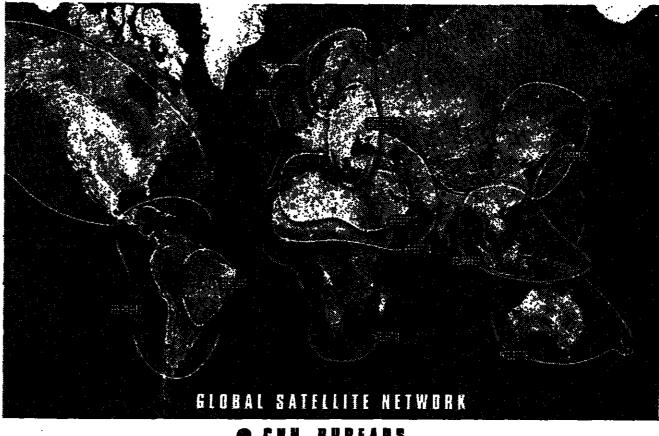
Old-timers like Ruth Barnett never got it straight. To them it seemed they simply treated women in trouble. Dumbly, they were arrested again and again. Stolidly, they sat through trial after trial where lubricious attorneys tried to portray both abortionist and patient as lewd

Abortion has been legal in the U.S. for only 21 years. In the mainstream it may be seen as merely an unfortunate occurrence. No matter what side you're on in this question, "The Abortionist" provides a key to how we have behaved down through the years, just below the surface of the law.

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FBI Links Serial Bomber to Murder of U.S. Executive

By Clifford J. Levy

New York Times Service NORTH CALDWELL, New Jersey — Federal officials say that a mail bomb that killed a prominent advertising executive during the weekend was sent by the same man who has mounted a string of similar attacks since 1978, striking targets across the corporate and academic landscape in one of the most notorious unsolved crime sprees in recent U.S. his-

The death Saturday of the executive in this exclusive suburb about 15 miles (25 kilometers) from New York City deepened the mystery of the

The suspect, described as an anarchist with a mastery of explosives and a grudge against the influence of technology in society, has long eluded a team of federal investigators that has roamed from Connecticut to

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vehicle for their own national

ends, taking a page from the

book of French conservatives

who think of "Europe" as a

means for French self-aggran-

dizement, mainly to compete

counterbalance to Germany.

have the capacity for leader-ship, while London and other

European capitals seem weak.

The Clinton administration is

pushing Britain to work with Germany to avoid fragmenta-

tion in post-Cold War Europe.

Paris has often oscillated be-

tween embracing the Germans

- as de Gaulle did with Chan-

cellor Konrad Adenaurer in the

1960s - and striking up an en-

tente cordiale with Britain - as

that France has enough assets

to defend its interests in a part-

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zwo days had "changed to some

extent" his opinion of North

"I think they are desperately

in need of foreign exchange,

desperately in need of energy

and in a transition of leader-

ship, and as a consequence,

they need assistance," he said.

The Republican legislator

said he still was critical of the

Geneva accord but that his crit-

icism was "quite specific," di-

rected at the clause that allows

North Korea to put off inspec-

tions of two suspected nuclear

waste sites until construction of

the modern light-water nuclear

'reactors is well under way. That

will be years from now and af-

ter the expenditure of about \$2

But despite the misgivings,

Mr. Murkowski apparently ex-

pressed his support for the

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zehips, IBM has joined with Ap-

ple Computer and Motorola to

create the PowerPC, a rival to

the Pentium. Apple already has

a line of well-received Macin-

tosh computers based on the PowerPC, and IBM is planning

to introduce its own models

next year. Asked if this was a

factor in its review of the Pen-

tium, an IBM spokesman re-

-- The accusation was con-

senior vice president in charge

of IBM's PC business, as saying

that his customers had ex-

billion, he said.

with German interests.

With the death on Saturday, the bomber, dubbed "unabom" because in the past he had seemed to want to torment universities and airlines, has now killed two people and wounded 23 in 15 attacks that have grown more violent, officials said.

The officials said Sunday that they had concluded that the explosion that killed the executive, Thomas Mosser, 50, was related to the earlier ones because the bomb was built with similar materials and had a similar, sophisticated design.

But they again said they were not certain what connected Mr. Mosser to the other victims. "The components of the bomb, its construction, make us trace the origin of the parts. believe the bombs are linked,"

said Barry Mawn, the head of

California trying to track him involved with organized crime last year, maining a professor largest advertising firms, apnal trial. Nor, Mr. Mawn said, were there any threats made against him or his family.

He said that from a brief mark from San Francisco, The sighting of the suspect and shards of evidence gathered at bomb scenes, the FBI had developed a likely profile of him. It identified him as a recluse, a on his bombs. Officials said white man in his late 30s or 40s with a high school education who is familiar with university

Investigators believe that he prides himself on the intricate construction of his bombs, crafting and polishing parts even though they can be bought at a hardware store. In doing so, the suspect makes it harder to

Mr. Mosser, who was promoted to executive vice presi-The investigation into the dent earlier this year and rebomber, who apparently mails his packages from northern cently was named general The rais rewark office.

The said there was nothing to indicate that Mr. Mosser was early 1990s until he resurfaced Rubicam, one of the world's article describing Mr. Mosser's

and genetics.

day that the most recent bomb

had a return address and post-

After those incidents, investi-

gators disclosed that he usually

left the initials "FC" engraved

Sunday that they had not yet

determined whether those ini-

tials were on the bomb that

The earliest victims of the at-

tacks were airline executives.

Those wounded in recent years

have been scholars who have

made significant advances in

computer sciences, psychology

killed Mr. Mosser.

Associated Press reported.]

Mr. Mawn said investigators were examining the client list of Young & Rubicam and its public-relations subsidiary, Bur-son-Marsteller, for which Mr. Mosser was chief operating officer until his recent promotion. Young & Rubicam has some

technology clients, including Digital Equipment Corp. and Xerox. It also works for the U.S. Postal Service, Philip Morris, KFC, Kraft General Foods and some other conglomerates. Investigators said one reason

Mr. Mosser might also be linked to the other victims was that he was mentioned recently in The New York Times. At least three of the other victims including the two last year, had been featured in articles in The Times that characterized them

promotion appeared in The Times on Dec. 5. The bomber sent a letter to

The Times last year, post-marked Sacramento, California, identifying the author as "an anarchist group calling ourselves FC." The letter promised to "give information about our goals at some future time," a suggestion taken by investigators to mean that the suspect

intended to attack again. The only known sighting of the bomber was in 1987 in Salt Lake City, Utah, when a witness saw a man place a bomb behind a computer store, said Rick Smith, a spokesman for the FBI office in San Francisco, which is spearheading the investigation.

The first 12 bombings oc-curred from 1978 to 1987, beginning in Evanston, Illinois, and ending in Salt Lake City. There was then a six-year hiatus for unknown reasons.

Unsteady Alliance, ... Derailed by Moscow

Pushed by U.S. on Expansion And Bosnia, NATO Riles Russia

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN - Two years ago, Andrei V. Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, horrified a gathering of 53 European countries in Stockholm by announcing what he called "a correction in the course of Russian foreign

policy."
Russia, he warned, saw a threat in the insistence of the European Union's military arm and NATO in making overtures to formerly Communist countries previously allied with Russia, and in Western military interference in Bosnia.

He demanded the lifting of economic sanctions against Serbia, which he said could count on the support of "great Russia." Moscow, he warned, would exercise its right to use economic and military intervention to preserve its interests m what he called the "post-imperial space" around it.

Mr. Kozyrev then told his startled listeners that he did not really mean it — he was just trying to shock them into realizing what could happen if the West pushed Russia too hard and encouraged the resurgence of expansionism by people like Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the extremist nationalist leader.

But in the past week, President Bons N. Yeltsin has fulfilled much of Mr. Kozyrev's dire prophesy, first warning President Bill Clinton in Budapest that NATO's attempts to bring East European nations into the alliance were creating a "cold peace" and then sending Russian troops to quell a Mushim rebellion in the Chechnya region of the Russian Republic. Russia's new saber-rattling has alarmed European govern-ments already shaken by their differences with Washington and each other on what to do about the war in Bosnia and

ropean countries into the West-It has also increased doubt Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon, center left, being greeted Monday by Prime among many of them about the Minister Abdellatif Filali of Morocco on arrival in Casablanca for the Islamic Conference. quality of American leadership of the alliance under the Clinton administration.

how quickly to invite East Eu-

The Europeans have responded to the new assertiveness in Moscow with caution, giving East European leaders in ssen, Germany, last weekend no timetable for joining the

A year ago, American foreign policy seemed to Europeans to be bending over backwards to allay Russian opposition to NATO's expansion by temporizing on membership for Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and other countries that

wanted to join. So instead, last January, President Bill Clinton got the allies to agree to set up a "Partnership for Peace" that offered East European countries, Russia and other parts of the former Communist empire equal terms and put off the question

distant future. But over the last few months, Mr. Clinton's policy changed. NATO, he proposed, should at least tell the East Europeans what they need to do to qualify

for eventual membership. According to NATO diplomats, the Americans seemed to be acting precipitately, urging the Europeans to give the East Europeans an idea of what they

needed to do by mid-1995. Washington was riding roughshod over its allies, negotiating terms with the East Europeans and presenting NATO with accomplished facts instead of consulting with them, Bonn's ambassador to NATO, Hermann von Richthofen, complained in a telegram to his For-

eign Ministry in November. American officials said that the new proposal was explained in detail to Russian officials before Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher went to Brussels and agreed with the allies to decide on terms for prospective mum stability will return to new members by the end of

> The allies did not decide which countries would qualify first or when to let any of them in, reflecting European concern that eastward expansion of

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very cautiously, in parallel with steps to prepare East European countries for membership in the

European Union. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, the biggest European supporter of extending the zone of security and stability cast

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ward, felt the dilemma particularly acutely. Germany could not forever remain at the eastern edge of "the West," he told fellow leaders, but extending Western security and economic stability eastward must also not create dangerous new divisions

with Moscow. If the allies thought they had squared this circle with their cautious invitation from Brussels on Dec 1, Mr. Kozyrev disillusioned them that evening when he arrived to sign a package of agreements on increasing Russian military cooperation with NATO. He said that in view of the expansion plan just announced he would not sign.

The Russian surprise musettled an alliance already strained by the failure of American-led efforts to use NATO air strikes to stop the fighting in the United Nations "safe area" of Bihac in Bosnia.

The European allies were also concerned about threats to their thousands of soldiers serving in the UN Protection Force that could come from a unilateral decision by Washington to hift the arms embargo for the Muslim-led Bosnian govern-ment, as advocated by Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the Republican leader, and other Republicans in Congress.

The Clinton administration had already shocked its allies by telling them in mid-November that, because of insistence from Congress, the United States would no longer take active military steps to enforce the NATO blockade of the Adriatic Sea against arms shipments to the Bosnians.

The British, French, and German foreign ministers met with Mr. Christopher and Mr. Kozyrev in Brussels on Dec. 2 to urge a peaceful negotiated settlement of the war and reaffrom support for the UN military force in Bosnia until a settlement was achieved.

But within a few days, France and Britain had asked NATO to draw up military plans for helping them get their troops out of Bosnia, and Washington pledged up to 25,000 American ground troops if the UN was forced to fight its way out.

RUSSIA: Fear of Long War

Continued from Page 1 did not support the activities of

civilians. Similarly, in Dagestan, 59 of membership into the more Russian officers and men were captured near the Chechen border on Sunday in a firefight after a military convoy had been blocked and surrounded. Dagestan officials said the capture was also the work of local residents, and negotiated with them for the release of the soldiers, who had been distributed two or three to a family. At least four armored vehicles were captured and turned over to the

Chechen militia. Mr. Yeltsin remains in the hospital after an operation on his nose to repair the septum, damaged in a childhood incident. Mr. Zyuganov accused him of "hiding" in the hospital and of making a mockery of Constitution Day by "launching a full-fledged invasion by Russian forces on Russian terri-

The holiday commemorates the passage last year of Russia's new constitution, which was passed after Mr. Yeltsin put an end to a parliamentary rebellion with tanks.

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FRANCE: Bad Sign for EU Unity Bosnians Seek Aid to be bold enough to agree to mutual concessions of sovereignty, forging a European superpower eventually capable of

dealing on a more equal footing with the United States, Japan

In trying to clear up any misunderstanding about his views in a television interview Sunday Both of the conservative front-runners — Prime Minis-ter Edouard Balladur and Jacduring which he announced his intention not to run, Mr. Delors ques Chirac, leader of the said that Europe had become a Gaullist Rally for the Republic "federation" in many senses. It party - have warmed to closer is this "package deal" among cooperation with Britain as a governments, he said, that protects European Union pro-But the timing could hardly be worse. Only Bonn seems to

grams such as farmers' subsi-dies that are popular in France. The bitter attacks on his European views in recent weeks apparently contributed to the decision by Mr. Delors, who at 69 has never fought a brutal campaign, not to run.

Certainly, the Socialist Party's weakness was a factor. Associates said that he was repulsed by the prospect of having to clean up corruption that has mushroomed during President François Mitter-President Georges Pompidou did with Edward Heath in the rand's 14 years in office.

If the Socialists manage to come forward with new faces in : Mr. Delors prefers a Gaulla few years, a leading contender ist-sounding approach, arguing

ficials.

is likely to be the popular former labor minister, Martine Aubry, 44, Mr. Delors's daugh-With his knowledge of Ger- ter. His candidacy may well many, Mr. Delors urged France have hurt her career.

ferent provisions in terms of

earlier inspections, the United

States will comply with the

PENTIUM: IBM Stops Computers With Flawed Chip

Andrew Grove, president of

Intel, conceded that computers

could be set up to force the

error in the same way that "if

you know where a meteor will

land, you can go there and get

that the only user who had actu-

ally reported an error to the

company was a mathematician at Lynchburg College in Virgin-

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The real question, Intel re-

minded analysts on Wall Street,

tests had shown "the risk of expects to make. Intel's tests much beyond two decimal

error is significantly higher than made thousands, while IBM's points were program traders.

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An Intel spokesman added

previously thought and war-rants today's actions." made millions, "which are made only by Wall Street

news conference.

Panmunjom.

KOREA: Backing on Nuclear Pact has not met all of its obligations agreement to North Korean of-The delay has held "Both Senator Murkowski and I indicated that while we would have preferred some dif-

the Maghreb states said he was confident the ministers would adopt a favorable resolution. "It is a strong document," said the ambassador, Nerkuz Arifhodzic, referring to the draft resolution. "It foresees

agreement that we have signed," Mr. Simon said at the The two senators flew to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, from Beijing on Sunday aboard the first American military plane to fly into North Korea since the end of the Korean War in 1953. They drove into fective program of action." South Korea on Monday through the border village of

But the American lawmakers were not granted an audience with the reclusive Kim Jong II, who is believed to be the leader of North Korea although he has not officially been named the Bosnians on the battlefield.

Of Islamic Conference

CASABLANCA, Morocco - Disputes between Arab states dogged preparations on Monday for an Islamic summit meeting in Morocco, but a Bosnian representative said he expected the meeting to take a strong line on Bosnia, possibly endorsing military aid.

As heads of state and government left home for the start of the meeting on Tuesday, foreign ministers had yet to take a stand on the Iraq-Kuwait conflict or decide on a request by Jordan that they recognize its role in Jerusalem.

The ministers of members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference had planned to finish their work on Sunday night.

At a committee meeting Monday morning, the bitter memories of the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait and the Gulf War in 1991 came to the surface again, delegates said.

Iraq is lobbying the Muslim states to call for an end to United Nations sanctions. Kuwait and its Gulf allies, usually the dominant bloc in the Islamic Conference, say that Baghdad

proval of a final text on Bosnia, but the Bosnian ambassador to

taking several actions in all directions - diplomatic, political and economic. I have no doubt it will meet with a very good response at the summit and help define a concrete and ef-

The Islamic Conference and its members have consistently supported the Bosnian government diplomatically, repeatedly criticizing the Western powers which dominate the UN operation in the Balkans, but they have not done much to help the

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Propulsion Laboratory," said David Wu of S.G. Warburg.

pany and they want their equip-

ment to be 100 percent accurate," added Mr. Wu, a former IBM employee. "But if you believe that is the only reason for

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scientist would most likely be

using a Cray Supercomputer, said Jeff Rubin of Laszlo Bir-

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In Tokyo, Rabin Sets Ties With Japan with Prime Minister Tomiichi

ic exchanges as Prime Minister nessmen with him. Yitzhak Kadu visit to Japan by an Israeli prime minister.

Israel is hoping that Mr. Rabin's three-day visit will improve economic ties with Japan now that the Palestinians and Jordanians have further eased their economic boycotts on Israel as part of moves toward peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Rabin, who will meet TOKYO - Japan and Israel with Japanese business leaders signed agreements Monday on during his visit, has brought expanding cultural and scientif- economic advisers and busi-

Japan, heavily dependent on Arab oil, long observed the Arab boycott on Israel, but recently has been slowly warming to investment and trade. Tokyo sent its first economic mission to Israel in August 1993.

Mr. Rabin signed the agreement on scientific exchanges

Murayama. At the same ceremony, Foreign Minister Yohei Kono of

Japan and the Israeli ambassador, Amos Ganor, signed an accord to increase exchanges among academics, students and artists. Mr. Rabin will also meet with

Japan's trade, foreign and finance ministers, senior politicians and the imperial family before leaving for South Korea on Wednesday.

SUDAN: Odds on Peace at Track

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race horses. When Sudan gained independence from Britain in 1956, horse racing was booming. There were two races a week. Expensive thoroughbreds were brought to Sudan from Europe and the United States to strengthen local

"When the British pulled out in 1956, most of them sold us their horses," said Ahmed Mekki Abdu, 87, the first governor of Khartoum after independence, who kept a stable of two dozen horses. "We continued much as before. The problems came with this Islamic governwithout gambling, or without a stands. wealthy patron, as in the Gulf states, to maintain and fund the sport. This Islamic law is what has led to the decline in the

quality of racing in Sudan." Sudanese jockeys and stable hands are often recruited by wealthy stables in the Gulf states because of their agility aggressive jostling and bump- done well.

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ing by the riders, has also led to numerous accidents and the death of three champion jockeys in the last decade.

But this failed to dampen the excitement one recent afternoon at the track. "It is El Maestro in the lead!"

boomed the announcer's voice over the loudspeakers, "with Center coming up behind. El Maestro by five lengths. El Maestro gaining, gaining, and El Maestro wins! Victory for El Maestro!"

As the glistening black horse swept past the finish line, with his jockey, in bright yellow racing colors, arched over his back, ment. You can't run a racetrack pandemonium erupted in the The result set off even more

feverish activity among a small knot of men, clutching dirty sacks, in a grove of trees near the grandstands. The men, who work as illegal bookies, and face prison terms if caught, began imfolding pieces of paper inside their bags. Each slip was and knowledge. The only pro- marked with the secret code fessional blacksmith in Khar- name for one of the men in the tourn died last year, and this stands, the predictions for each season has seen a series of inci- of the five races, and a small dents in which horseshoes have wad of bills. Those who had flown off during races. The picked El Maestro in the fifth poor condition of the track, and and final race of the day had

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The Oldham touch, clockwise from top left: Slip dress with Chinese flower embroidery; boot with rhinestonestudded heel; Oldham in his SoHo boutique; Oldham's snakeskin print in a halter dress and a suit.

Oldham's Munich Connection

By Suzy Menkes onal Herald Tribane

EW YORK — There will be no drag queens on the runway but a confetti shower of color when Todd Oldham consummates his fashion marriage with Escada in Munich on Saturday.

When this unlikely alliance was announced in October, the general reaction was astonishment. Oldham, the New Age American designer as artistic director of the industrial giant Escada? From a close-knit family business in Texas to a hightech fashion house in Munich? A vegetarian, animal-friendly designer in the German mink-and-glitz belt? Was it a joke - like the witty prints and transvestite takes on Oldham's runways? Or for real?

"I still laugh when I think about it — it is a very unusual pairing," admits Oldham. "I design with a pencil — I don't have a computer. But what interest me is the technology - I can't imagine that anyone has more than Escada. And in three days in design meetings I never heard the word 'no.' I want to find out what it all is and then say let's make it like human hands' — when

mistakes are the gateway to invention."

The first seeds of Oldham's collaboration have been planted in the fall/winter 1995 show — two hours long — for Escada executives Saturday. The collection will be publicly unveiled in Düsseldorf on Feb. 5. Color is the link between the 32-year-old

designer and the \$1-billion-a-year Escada, whose co-founder Margaretha Ley died in 1992. Inspired by a peripatetic childhood between Tehran and his native Texas, Oldham serves up a feast of color, with rich patterns and ornamentation on sharp, sexy modern clothes. "I am very much not afraid of color,"

says Oldham whose paintings have been exhibited at a New York gallery since he moved to the city from Dallas five years

"When I started painting I began to think about the vibrations of color, how it speaks to you, the way antifreeze sits on the street at five o'clock when the sun is setting," he says. "I am partially colorblind, so pinks, oranges and browns go wild in my eyes. In Dallas, there is an amazing blue sky and something different about the light. A friend and I were on the beach, with that sky and clouds like cotton balls, and we stood up clapping."

The applause and cheers that make every Oldham show a downtown happening recognize his joie de vivre. That comes both in the vivid prints and in the runway presentations, which include the transves-tite Billy Erb and Amazonian models whom Oldham describes as "amplified vi-

sions of iconic women." There is, he says, a great deal of the Southern in his designs, adding that "drag queens and Southern women have a lot in common — a deep appreciation of makeup and a desire to push things over the top.

But for all the razzmatazz of Oldham's work, his spring/summer collection also had simple clothes: shapely slip dresses on

From a close-knit family business in Texas to high-tech Escada

a Chinese theme, East-meets-Westerncowgirl separates, slithers of snakeskin print, or fantasy reduced to just a printed lining to a jacket. ("Leopard for me is like cream satin," he says). Oklham sees his quest for perfection in finish and detail as another link with the German company. The difference between them might best be defined by Escada's last summer's invasion of elephants (as prints, as sweater appliqués, on belts, on sandals, for pen-dant jewelry). While, in his latest summer collection, Oldham had eclectic mixes that included chinoiserie gift-wrap patterns and prints of pastries.

"I come not as a replacement, but as a den mother," says Oldham of his role as head of a studio which he will direct on 12 visits to Munich a year. He will continue to be based in New York's SoHo, creating for his family-run company, and to present Todd Time, on Cindy Crawford's House of Style MTV show.

Wolfgang Ley, Escada's president, says that no one can replace his wife, with whom he shared a lifeime and working partnership for 26 years, but that Oldham will put an injection of youth and energy primarily into the Escada/Margaretha Ley signature line, as well as sportswear and couture — evening clothes "for Chinese New Year, Bar Mitzvahs or other family occasions that women can't find the proper clothes for."

Why, out of the many designers interviewed, was Oldham picked? Ley cites the need to re-position Escada, between the season's trend" designers but away from the sturdy, career-oriented clothes that made its fame in the 1980s. Oldham will head a design team 25 strong because "it makes the collection less volatile." Only

Karl Lagerfeld, he believes, has the genius to conduct a fashion orchestra

Oldham seems uncomfortable with the idea of a life devoted to fashion, describing his career as "a fun indulgence, a fantasy, no one needs it." It seems symbolic of his attitude that he wears for preference a thrift shop sweater and recycled 1940s jeans.

His many other interests include support of animal rights activists at PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) and raising money for AIDS and to help the pets of sick people. One of his current us us uo odureci a diro-vi featuring "militant carrots."

The new Todd Oldham boutique on Wooster Street in SoHo is expressive of his personality - and his handy skills. The decor has a varnished floor papered with leaves from old books and scattered with rag rugs; changing rooms swagged with velvet drapes and pasted with pages from encyclopedias of birds and flora, a mosaic counter of ceramic bits and pieces, and a chandelier made out of junk, including an empty toilet-freshener holder.

Oldham's play school ability to make things out of scraps was learned in the childhood when the siblings gathered round a craft table and "friends were our family." His handicraft ideas have made him a minor celebrity on MTV, and Ley is attracted by Oldham's ability to communicate - especially with a young generation.

The business is self-financed and the clothes with their 12-color silk-screen prints and hand-embellishments inevitably sell so expensively that Oldham says he "cringes at every price tag." Yet he insists that he thinks primarily about the "reality of clothes."

E starts designing by sketching - but never people. His inspiration may come from shape, but is "most often an idea about fabric" that then grows into a "giant ball of everything." His fashion hero, he says, is Christian Lacroix — I worship at his shrine because you see that what he does comes from the heart."

For all the brash sophistication of the Oldham look, family roots go deep - back to Texas, where he first worked as a fitter in a Ralph Lauren store, and to the natural elegance of his mother, who works in the company. Above all, there was the example of his ebullient grandmother.

"She taught me the joy of paradox," he says. "She would say 'What do you mean, it doesn't go together. I'm wearing it!"

Fashion's Retro Take on Movies

years of movies have projected indelible fashion images: Jean Harlow's shiny screen goddess silhouette; Veronica Lake's waterfall of a hairdo; the curva-ceous sheath dress of Marilyn Monroe; the bionic bosom of

Jane Fonda's Barbarella. And, most potent of all, Mar-lene Dietrich's dark slash of a mouth, her penciled, arched brows and louche stance in a

man's tuxedo. There she is again in graphic black and white on the cover of French Vogue, lips looming in the lens. Except that it is not a still from an old movie, but an homage to the centenary of cinema — model Karen Mulder in yet another take on retro fash-

The entire issue is devoted to re-creating or recalling film seenarios of the past with clothes of the present, in takes on Dietrich, Rita Hayworth and Ava Gardner, to Jean Renoir's "La Règle du Jen" by photographer Mario Testino (clothes by Martin Margiela, Ralph Lauren and Prada.) Cut to "Blade Runner" - fast-forward in a 1990s cyberspace scenario, as photographer David Lachapelle shoots the shiny clothes of Gianni Ver-

sace and Karl Lagerfeld.

The most telling thing about the issue — which also has a charming article by Jeanne Morean and portraits of male movie stars — is the captions to the pictures — those lists in tiny print of where the clothes come from. There is a fleeting mention of an antique store for a belt or a prop. But just about every single item of clothing is modern.

> **ESCADA** in Paris

REDUCED PRICES ON WINTER COLLECTION

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ARIS - A hundred Chanel belted tweed coat re-creating the 1940s; not even the shiny vinyls going back to 1960s futurism. It is easy to do a streamlined pantsuit by Jil Sander or Yohji Yamamoto à la Dietrich with sleek hair and solid makeup. It is simpler still to por-tray Claudia Schiffer as Brigitte Bardot. But the fact is that socalled current fashion, like the cinema, seems to be reviewing the 20th century. It has at least

one mascaraed eye on the past. Joan Juliet Buck, editor-inchief of Vogue and a former movie critic, believes she has found a link between fashion plains the retrospective focus of current design.
"Movies have stopped time

and made everything simultaneons, because we have access to movies of the entire century," she says.
"We can access every female dream and every mise-en-scène.

at old fashion magazines, but they are looking at old movies and their images of femininity as our dream images." Buck sees fashion and movies

What's modern? Not this as the twin "compensations" of with a practical uniform of track nanel belted tweed coat re-cre-the 20th century. It is true that pants and trouser suits, producthe fashion images from the 1930s of mermaid dresses with fishtails of fabric, or 1950s sheaths too tight to sit down in, were part of the escapism of the movies of their eras. Yet some approximation to celluloid style came through as genuine fashion worn by women, if not on the street, at least in grand ho-

tels or night clubs.

promote a gritty realism (not least in dress), while designer fashion has taken on the cineand film - and one that ex- ma's former role as the focus of dreams. It was brilliant of Buck to cast the supermodels as movie stars, for that is what they have become: visions of glamour and sexual potency as far removed from ordinary life as visions on the Silver Screen. Now that the models prance out on near every chanel, it is not It is not just that everyone looks fanciful to imagine that these minifilms of runway shows could become classics in an image bank, to be accessed in the

So while the streets are filled

ing a sartorial merging of the sexes, on designer runways, fashion has never been more overthe-top glamorous. The stiletto heel — the symbol of the screen star purring out in a stretch limne -- is an icon of glamour that magazines have now put on a pedestal, while the masses

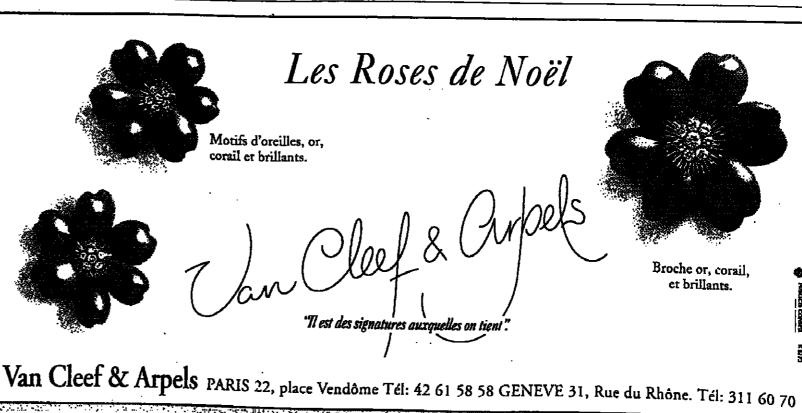
tramp about in sneakers.

The clash of reality and fantasy was expressed at the party thrown by Vogue in a Pathé cinema complex to launch the fashion-and-cinema issue. While screenings of minibites offered Marlon Brando or Monroe, the fashion crowd milled about in ordinary (read black) evening outfits untouched by the current vogue for glamour. Cut! Here comes Karen Mulder, in a slinky Hayworth dress cropped to a 1990s mini, Veronica Lake hair, Dietrich eyebrows and Monroe high heels. Sampling the cinema images of the century is the height of fashion now.

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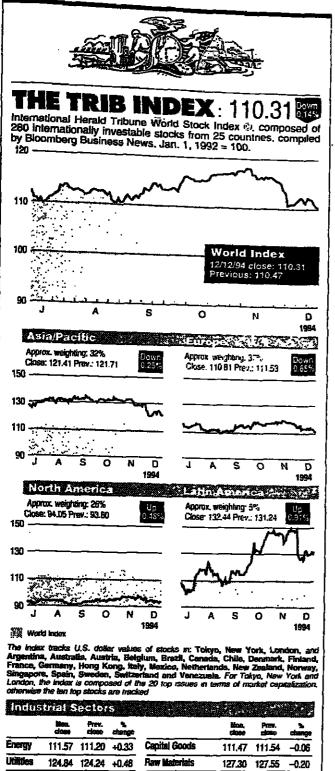
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U.S. Gets Glass Pact In Japan

2 Countries Agree On Market Access

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service WASHINGTON -U.S. officials said Monday that an agree-ment had finally been reached on assuring American companies access to Japan's flat-glass market, one of the most closed and cartel-dominated industries in the country and a constant source of friction over several years of negotiations.

Even Japan's Fair Trade Commission has denounced the Japanese glass industry in recent years as an example of a closed distribution system that locks out foreign competition and keeps prices artificially high. Three Japanese makers account for 95 percent of the market -and one firm, Asahi Glass, controls about half of all sales.

But under an agreement reached Friday, three months after the two countries agreed in principle to resolve the problem, Japan will issue detailed annual reports on the extent to which Japanese glass distributors sell imported flat glass made by companies other than their own American subsidiar-

The government has also agreed to promote the use of insulated and safety glass, a major concession because almost no double-paned glass is used in Japan, despite the country's insistence on other forms of energy conservation.

Aides to Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said the agreement set an important precedent: For the first time, the Japanese government has agreed to monitor a keiretsu, or a grouping of Japanese firms that hold each other's stock and chiefly buy each other's prod- the companies said Monday. ucts, to assure that outside

Merrill Hits a Big Snag A Banner Year — Until Orange County

By Laurence Zuckerman

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — In a year when most of its Wall Street rivals have been reeling from tumbling earnings, Merrill Lynch & Co. is on track to log its second most profitable year

Having escaped the large trading losses suffered by rivals such as Salomon Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co. when interest rates began rising in February, Merrill, the largest American brokerage and investment bank, continued to rack up profits and became the darling of securities industry stock analysts.

Then came Orange County. Since news of Merrill's heavy involvement underwriting and bankrolling a large part of the highly leveraged portfolio that forced the California county into bankruptcy protection last week, the company's stock has plunged. Lawsuits are piling up, and Merrill is under investigation by federal and state regulators.

Though it remains to be seen what the company's liability will be, at the least Merrill faces years of litigation that could end up costing it millions of dollars.

Even so, with what is known so far, few securities analysts and industry executives said they believed that the potential payouts threaten the future of Merrill, which had \$16.5 billion in revenue last year.

[The Securities and Exchange Commission said Monday that about a dozen fund companies had received permission to protect about 20 money-market funds from investment losses related to the Orange County bankruptcy, Bloomberg Business News reported from Washington.

[The fund companies requested approval from the SEC to take one of three steps. One

is to remove from the funds any securities whose declining value threatens to cause shareholder losses. The second is to establish a letter of credit that the funds could draw against. The third is to set up an agreement by which a fund can sell its bonds to its parent company at face value if it needs to.]

In an interview, Merrill's top managers said the company had acted properly in all its dealings with Orange County, and they expressed confidence that this would become

clear once all the facts were in. "People can write what they want and they can also file lawsuits," said Daniel Tully, Merrill's chairman and chief executive. "That doesn't mean that everything that someone writes is accurate, or that all lawsuits are mentorious."

The SEC subpoenaed Merrill about its relationship with Orange County. Separately, the SEC is already investigating charges of fraud relating to Merrill's activities in Massachusetts and New Jersey.

As Orange County's troubles have unfolded, Merrill has been accused of a variety of misdeeds, including irresponsibly selling highly risky derivative investments to the county treasurer, Robert Citron, who controlled a portfolio containing the assets of 187 county agencies, school districts and cities. Mr. Citron has since resigned.

[Governor Pete Wilson of California has sent a team of state auditors to Orange County to assess the damage done to its devastated investment portfolio. Reuters reported from Los Angeles. The auditors are to review all activities in the county's funds since June 30 and all audit reports of the last three years.] [Officials from at least three school districts

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Doubtful Debts Of State Firms **Hit China Banks**

Bloomberg Business News

HONG KONG - China's state-owned enterprises may be unable to repay debts totaling 1 trillion yuan (\$117 billion), equivalent to 40 percent of the country's bank loans, the official Economic Information Daily reported Monday.

The paper cited Zhao Haikuan, secretary general of the China Monetary Society, which is not part of the government.

Mr. Zhao said state-owned enterprises now rely on bank credit for 80 percent of their working capital. Working capital is the money companies use for day-to-day operations.

He said the companies' debt burden was hindering the ability of government banks to act as real commercial banks.

If the banks continue to hold such a large amount of doubtful debt, the chances of their being privatized successfully are slim. Spinning the debt off into separate units would make the banks much smaller and less attractive to potential investors.

China's largest banks often

reported that inflation in 35 major Chinese cities slowed in November to an annual rate of 24.9 percent, compared with 27.0 percent in October.

"These are encouraging numbers," said Elizabeth Cheng, head of China research at James Capel Asia. "We were expecting operate as a second finance some signs of a slow down, and ministry, lending out money ac- it's happening on schedule."

cording to the directions of

About 44 percent of state

companies posted losses in the

first nine months of the year.

despite receiving low-interest

Mr. Zhao said the loan prob-

lem could be eased if companies

transferred shares to banks in

exchange for writing off un-

Intelligence Unit. an economic

research group, cut China's credit rating to "C" from "B."

The company said a protracted

power struggle about who would succeed Deng Xiaoping, China's 90-year-old leader, is

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paralyzing economic policy.

■ China's Inflation Cools

Separately, The Economist

pavable debts.

AT&T Targets Business Sector With Unisource Deal

By Tom Buerkle

ional Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - AT&T Corp. will announce Tuesday a joint venture with Unisource NV, the European consortium, in a deal that will turn up the competition in the \$10 billion global market for corporate telecom-

The deal will add significant Sprint Corp. firms are not discriminated muscle to the partners' existing marketing alliance and lock in message to business customers The partners' investment in

British Telecommunications PLC paid \$4.3 billion for 20 AT&T said. percent of MCI Communicawhile France Telecom and munications services, sources at under the name Atlas and bid den and Swiss Telecom PTT

"We want to send a clear take in Spain's Telefónica.

their cooperation amid a global scramble for partners.

that we will be providing seamble for partners.

the venture will be substantial a kind of one-stop shopping that but less than the \$1 billion that allows companies to make the customer is," a source at

The venture will be owned 40 tions Corp. earlier this year, percent by AT&T and 60 percent by Unisource, which is Deutsche Telekom have mar- owned by the Dutch phone ried their international business company KPN, Telia of Swe-\$4.2 billion for 20 percent of and groups their international business. Unisource will shortly

but less than the \$1 billion that allows companies to make British Telecom and MCI have committed to Concert, their vehicle for serving the global corporate market, the source said. AT&T has said it would spend as much as \$350 million on a ating since early this year with European venture.

The venture, like Concert and Atlas, targets the fast-growing business of providing virtual private networks to multinationals,

phone calls or send data between, say, Frankfurt and Chicago as easily as they now do within their head offices.

Unisource has been cooper-AT&T's World Partners, a global marketing and trafficsharing alliance that also includes KDD of Japan and Singapore Telecom.

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President Clinton's Shameful Sellout

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By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune ASHINGTON — With friends like Bill Clinton, you don't need enemies. That is the bitter experience of officials at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, which the Clinton administration pledged to revitalize under dynamic new

Instead, Washington has given it a contemptuous kick in the teeth. Thanks to a shameful sellout by Mr. Clinton, the OECD has been told that for the foresecable future it will be effectively margina-

That is the result of a shabby backroom deal between France and Canada to share the organization's leadership between two flawed candidates for whom few feel any enthusiasm — a deal the United States first adamantly opposed then meekly accepted.

Apparently to humor Jean Chretien, the Canadian prime minister, Mr. Clinton agreed that outgoing Secretary General Jean-Claude Paye of France would stay on for 18 months, to be followed by Donald Johnston, an obscure Canadian politician, for the next five years. As a senior OECD official ruefully put it last "we will have a lame duck followed by a dead duck."

This is a disaster for the OECD, which needs inspiring leadership to pioneer a new policy-shaping role in the global economy, but is now totally demoralized. It is also a terrible omen for the outcome of a similar tug-of-war between Eu-rope and the United States over who will head the new World Trade Organization due to start work in Geneva next month. It's not all Washington's fault. By insisting on keeping Mr. Paye, France pre-vented the emergence of a more widely

acceptable European candidate. Canada should have fielded a stronger choice. But it is particularly galling for the OECD that no other government cared enough to come to its rescue by vetoing

It is irresponsible for the United States and Europe to mark the birth of the new trade order with feuding.

the Franco-Canadian pact and demanding a better solution. Nor has a single voice been raised in the United States to protest a deal which achieves the opposite

of Washington's professed objectives. For months Washington swore that there was no way it would extend Mr. Paye's mandate beyond the end of Sep-tember, not even for fifteen seconds. Now Mr. Clinton's flip-flop has cut the ground from under the feet of U.S. offi-

cials who will have to deal with Mr. Paye for the next 18 months, and deeply embarrassed the Japanese, whom Washington had persuaded to gang up against him. Mr. Clinton also has lessened his

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chances of securing the World Trade Organization job for his preferred candi-date, former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico. In balloting so far, Mr. Salinas is running well behind Europe's Renato Ruggiero, the popular for-mer Italian trade minister, with Kim Chul Su, the South Korean Trade Minister, in third place.

The best solution --- to send Mr. Salinas to the WTO and Mr. Ruggiero to the OECD — is no longer available. And with Washington boasting that the Franco-Canadian deal has finally loosened Europe's grip on the OECD, the Europe-ans will be even less inclined to give way on the WTO. Hitherto, both the OECD and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the WTO's predecessor, have been exclusive European preserves.

Now that Congress has approved the WTO, Mr. Clinton is campaigning harder for Mr. Salinas. But it is time for this nonsense to stop. It is the height of irresponsibility for the United States and Europe to mark the birth of the new trade order with such short-sighted feud-

There are excellent arguments for Mr. Salinas. But Mr. Ruggiero is well-quali-

fied — and supported by many more countries. He should get the job.

Meanwhile, the OECD must not be left to its fate. If the member governments are too inept or inert to come up with ways of strengthening their own organization, they should appoint a group of wise men and women to do it for them.

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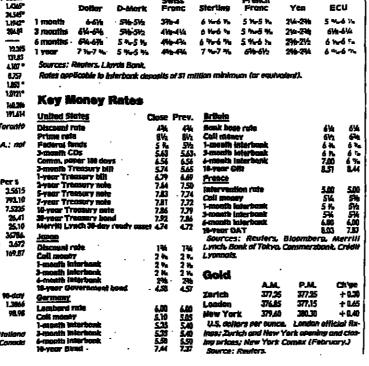
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Dow Jones Averages

EUROPEAN FUTURES

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — U.S. stocks posted their biggest gains in more than a week on Monday as signs of vigorous holiday sales helped offset concern that a flaw in Intel Corp.'s Pentium chip could hurt computer companies' profits.

Failing temperatures drove window shoppers into stores

U.S. Stocks

and showrooms over the weekend, bolstering retailers, while oil shares rose amid expectations for stronger demand for heating oil, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.26 points to 3,718.37, its biggest gain since

Advancing shares roughly balanced decliners on the New York Stock Exchange and volume was active, with 420.80 million shares traded, up slight-

ly from 420.66 million on Fri-

lesale and retail price in-

Dollar Slips as Market Awaits a Move by Fed

NEW YORK — The dollar slipped Monday against most major currencies amid signs that the Federal Reserve is finished raising interest rates until late January.

The dollar fell after Alan Blinder, vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, was

Foreign Exchange

quoted in The New York Times as saying that Fed policymakers would have to see economic regorts that won't be available until January before they raise interest rates again.

Some traders had expected the Fed to raise rates at its next policy meeting on Dec. 20. Higher rates often bolster the dollar by making U.S. deposits more attractive.

Kevin Lawrie, foreign-exchange manager at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, said, "There's no immediate need to buy dollars" if the Fed is going to wait until

January to raise rates. The dollar ended at 1.5733 L.5770 DM at the close on Frident at Commerzbank. day, and at 99.985 yen, down

dexes due this week would show signs of inflation. The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 22/32 point, to 95 6/32, lifting the yield to 7.92 percent from 7.86 percent. "All the economic figures

suggest we should have a good Christmas," said Daniel Barry, an analyst at Merrill Lynch. "If we get some stabilization in the market, these stocks could bounce.

Among retailers, Sears rose % to 44%, Nordstrom surged 3% to 46, Dayton Hudson climbed 2 to 781/2 and Wal-Mart rose 1/4

Oil stocks, meantime, rallied as the cold snap in the Northeast raised expectations for more demand for heating oil. said Jim Benning, a trader at BT Brokerage Inc. "If people think it's going to be colder, they'll push those stocks up."

The market's gains were tempered by a rout in computer shares after IBM said it stopped shipment of computers using support amid concerns that the Pentium microprocessor. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

The Dow

It fell to 1.3335 Swiss francs from 1.3360 and to 5.4080 French francs from 5.4165.

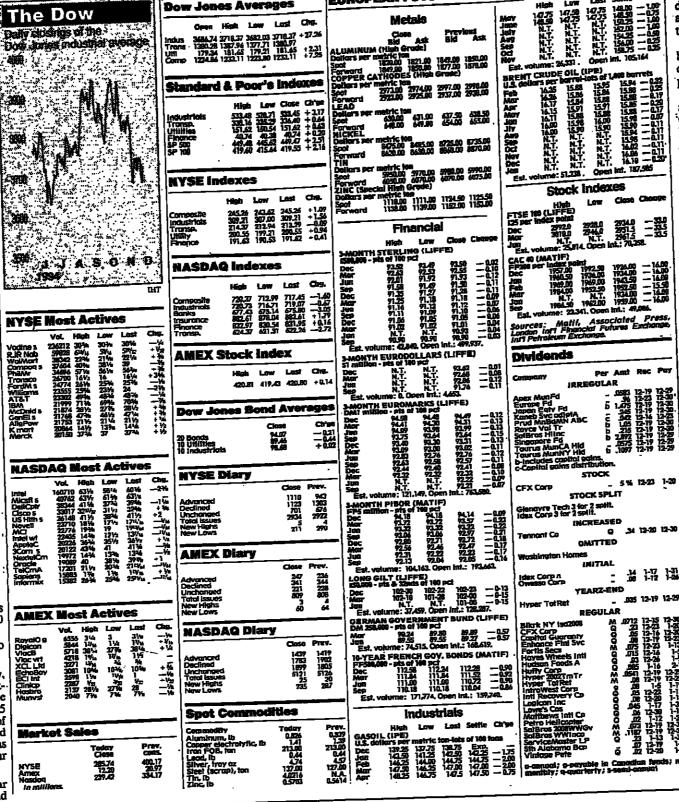
The British pound rose to

\$1.5648 from \$1.5600. Though lower on Monday, many traders said they expected the dollar to continue the rally that has pushed it up 5 percent since the beginning of November. Higher rates fueled the dollar's gains. The Fed has raised rates six times this year to combat inflation.

"There are still more dollar bulls than bears out there," said Laurence Hayward, vice president and trader at NationsBank of Texas in Houston.

Overall trading volume was light before the release of the U.S. producer price index for November on Tuesday and the consumer price index and capacity utilization reports on Wednesday. Many players were reluctant to take new positions the department-store executive before the release of the data.

"We are just waiting to see what kind of numbers we get," Deutsche marks, down from said Debra Larsen, vice presi-



Woolworth Names Ex-Macy Chief Farah as Chairman

NEW YORK - Capping a year marked by turmoil in its He was reinstated as chief exectop ranks, Woolworth Corp. said Monday that it had picked Roger Farah as its chairman

and chief executive. Mr. Farah, 41, will fill posi-tions previously held by Wil-liam Lavin. Mr. Lavin tempo-

worth announced it was looking into accounting irregularities. utive in May only to resign for good in September.

The accounting controversy is over, but Mr. Farah faces a challenge in trying to revive a company that has posted strong results at some of its specialty chains but has not found a way

Woolworth has posted losses in five of the past seven quar-

Company shares were up 12.5 cents at \$13.875 in midafternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock has lost about 45 percent since the start of the year.

Mr. Farah was most recently president and chief operating officer at R.H. Macy & Co., but he analyst at Dillon, Read & Co.

made a name for himself at Federated Department Stores Inc. From 1991 to 1993, he headed Federated's merchandising unit, where he revamped the company's buying strategies. He insti-tuted a "team buying" system under which central teams of buyers bought merchandise for

all of Federated's chains. "It's certainly a formidable job," said Peter Schaeffer, an

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Williams Grows With \$3 Billion Deal

TULSA, Oklahoma (Bloomberg) — Williams Cos. said Monday that it would buy Transco Energy Co. in a transaction worth about \$3 billion which would extend its network of pipelines to the lucrative markets along the East Coast.

Williams agreed to pay \$430.5 in cash, assume Transco's \$2 billion in long-term debt and exchange a new series of Williams convertible preferred stock for two series of Transco's convertible

Williams currently owns pipelines serving the Midwest, West and Pacific Northwest. Transco's lines carry natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico up the eastern seaboard to New York and from Louisiana to Indiana and Ohio.

National Gypsum Says 'No' to Chief

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (Bloomberg) - National Gypsum Co. on Monday rejected as inadequate a takeover offer by a group led by its chairman and largest shareholder, C.D. Spangler Jr. National Gypsum, which makes building materials, said a special committee of its board concluded that the \$43.50-a-share offer by Delcor Inc. also contained too many conditional terms.

Georgia Authority Loses \$40 Million

ATLANTA (Bloomberg) — The Municipal Electric Anthority of Georgia's investment portfolio lost \$40.3 million in value in the first nine months of 1994 by investing in interest-rate sensitive derivatives, authority officials said Monday.

The state-created authority, which provides electric power to 47 Georgia cities, still has about \$108.84 million, or 12 percent of its \$907 million fund, invested in various derivative instruments, according to the fund's chief investment officer, Patrich Simkins.

Kmart to Cut Staff at Headquarters

TROY, Michigan (Bloomberg) -- Kmart Corp. said Monday it would cut 900 jobs at its headquarters here, or about 18 percent of

the 5,000 full-time jobs at the location. The country's second-largest retailer also said it would consolidate its North Bergen, New Jersey, fashion facility as part of its cost-cutting efforts. The company did not say how many jobs would be cut at the North Bergen operation.

For the Record

Donald Trump and President Riverboat Casinos Inc. received approval from the the Indiana Gaming Commission to operate nverboat casinos in the city of Gary.

General Dynamics Corp. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. are likely to avoid having to pay the government \$1.4 billion after a U.S. Court of Appeals judge ruled in favor of McDonnell Donglas in a lawsuit involving the A-12 attack plane program, which was can-

Thomas Spiegel, the former head of Columbia Savings & Loan, was acquitted Monday of the last three charges in a case that alleged he looted the failed Beverly Hills bank. (AP)

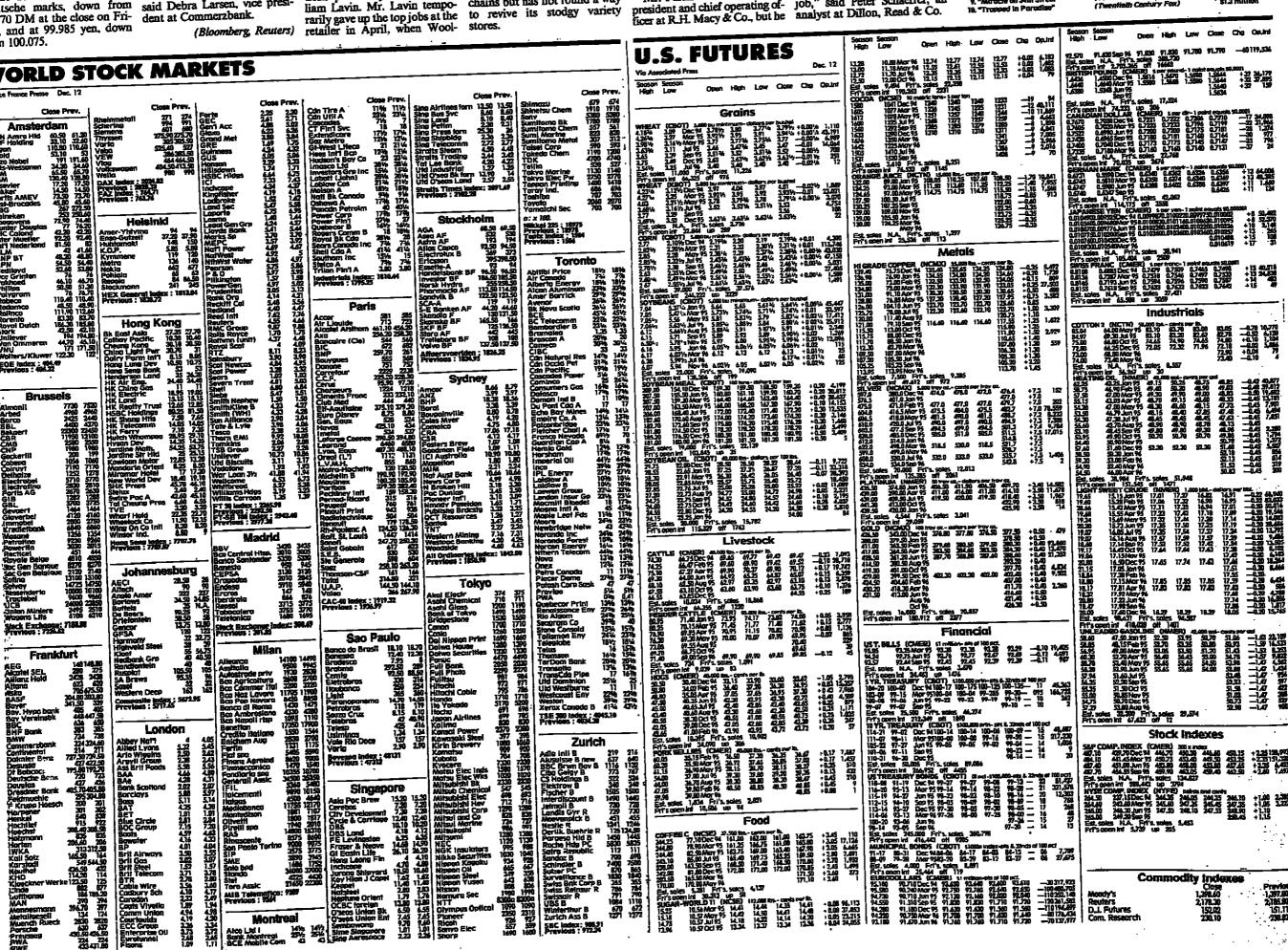
Westinghouse Electric Corp. agreed Monday to pay the government almost \$1.9 million to settle charges that it misled the air force in setting prices for radar equipment parts. (Bloomberg) Borden Inc., the Ohio-based food and dairy company, had its long-term debt lowered to junk-bond status on Monday by Moody's Investors Service Inc. After the New York Stock Exchange closed, Moody's said it had lowered its rating on \$1.6 billion of the company's debt.

Lincoln National Corp. has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Delaware Management Holdings Inc. for about \$510 million, including the assumption of \$209 million of debt.

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - "Disclosure" dominated the U.S. box office with a gross of \$10.1 million over the weekend. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday ticker sales and

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lusconi's coalition government. The lira fell as low as 1,040.48 per mark, compared with a previous historic low of 1,038.9 set on Nov. 25. The German cur-rency fetched 1,038.3 lire at the fixing in Frankfurt, up from 1,030.5 lire in early trading and 1,034.6 on Friday.

Concern that Mr. Berlusconi's government will soon fall has grown as members of his three-party coalition have become more equivocal about their support.

Such speculation has deterred investors from buying Italian assets and the Milan Mibtel index of shares tumbled 2.88 percent, to 9,289 points. Government bonds prices also fell sharply.

The lira seems to be sliding inexorably towards an abyss,

ment collapses."
A 1995 deficit-cutting budget, which was initially presented as a test of the government's credibility with financial markets, must be passed by Parliament by Dec. 31.

"People are scared that there is nobody in command. They just do not see a clear end to the story," said Alberto Rolla, with the Milan brokerage of Milla &

Roberto Maroni, the minister of the interior and a Northern League member, said he could foresee a "different government, a different parliamentary majority with different leadership" in the near future, according to reports in Italian newspapers. Mr. Maroni's remarks fueled talk that rifts are developing in the coalition government that could lead to its

said Ian Amstad, analyst at Northern League, has repeated- the ruling center-right coalition,

downfall.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

■ Paris Markets Slump

French markets were unnerved on Monday by the weekend announcement from Jacques Delors, a Socialist and president of the European Commission, that he would not run for the French presidency next year, according to a Reu-

ters dispatch from Paris. The franc weakened to about 3.4390 per Deutsche mark from 3.4319 DM on Friday, bonds tumbled and shares closed at their lowest level for three

weeks. Financial analysts said investors were nervous about the sudden switch Mr. Delors' decision means in the tone of the election campaign. Since Mr. Delors was the only credible Socialist candidate, a battle for the presidency is now likely to Umberto Bossi, leader of the take place within the heart of

Producer Prices

0.1 percent in November.

Input prices paid by manufacturers for raw

"The monthly increase partly reflects a seasonal

Recent increases in raw milk prices added 0.4 percentage point to the overall input index.

Times-Stock Exchange 100 Index of leading British shares closed 33.9 points lower at 2,943.4, its sixth fall in past eight sessions.

Mallinckrodt Retires As Head of Schroders

LONDON - George Mallinckrodt, who transformed Schroders PLC from a boutique securities firm into one of Britain's largest companies, said he would retire as chairman

Win Bischoff, who has been chief executive of the Londonbased securities house since 1984, will succeed him. Sticking to its policy of cultivating in-house talent, the 176year-old firm also is promoting eight executives. The developments mark the passing of Schroders' old guard and continue the shift toward a new generation of executives in the City of

This new structure enables us to benefit from the considerable senior management experience and expertise built up over the years, while giving the next generation of managers full opportunities to develop their own specific areas of

responsibility," Mr. Mallinekrodt said. The chairman, who joined Schroders in New York in 1954, said the changes recognized "the evolution that has taken place within the Schroder group over recent years."

Mr. Mallinckrodt will remain on Schroders' board in the

largely honorary post of president.

Since 1984, when Mr. Bischoff and Mr. Mallinckrodt took the helm of a firm worth less than £100 million (\$156 million). Schroders has become a diversified securities house with three key profit centers: investment banking, asset management and its treasury division. Corporate lending, which once used 80 percent of Schroders' capital, now uses just 20 percent.

After more than four years of negotiations, Schroders in July bought the remaining 50 percent of its U.S. investment-banking affiliate, Wertheim Schroder & Co., in a drive to expand its worldwide business.

For Schroders, which entered the U.S. market in 1840, sold bonds for Southern states before the Civil War and then financed the railroads' westward expansion, the full acquisition of Wertheim was designed to put Schroders on a more equal footing with U.S. rivals such as Merrill Lynch & Co. and Goldman, Sachs & Co.

By concentrating on fund management, corporate finance, and trading in government securities, while other firms opted to become full-service investment houses after Britain deregulated markets in 1986, Mr. Mallinckrodt and Mr. Bischoff have kept Schroders focused and profitable.

While many of the company's rivals increased their profit last year with quick, and sometimes fleeting, income from trading securities and currencies, Schroders powered ahead because of investment banking and asset management. Last year, Schroder Investment Management, the firm's fund management arm, saw its funds under management swell 47 percent, to £52.9 billion.

Chairman Of Roussel Resigns Abruptly

PARIS - After just a year as chairman of the executive committee at Roussel Uclaf SA, Ernst-Gunter Afting announced that he would quit at the end of January for personal reasons, company executives

said Monday.

Mr. Afting, 52, will be replaced by 57-year-old Jean-Pierre Godard. Mr. Godard will retain his current post as head of the pharmaceutical division of Hoechst AG, Roussel Uclaf's German parent company. Felicitas Feick, a spokes-woman for Hoechst, said Mr.

Afting resigned for "personal "We didn't ask him to resign," Ms. Feick said. "It was

his decision. As executive committee chairman, Mr. Afting was effec-tively chief executive officer. but he reported to Edouard Sakiz. Roussel's supervisory board chairman who wields considerable power after 28 years with the company.

One of Mr. Godard's new duties will be to head a new management committee covering both Hoechst and Roussel, company executives said.

Roussel and Hoechst are trying to forge closer cooperation between their pharmaceutical operations.

Although Hoechst has owned a majority stake in Roussel since the mid-1970s, the two companies have mostly operated separately.

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• Sweden's jobless rate fell to 7.2 percent in November from 7.3 percent in October, prompting speculation that the central bank might raise interest rates at its meeting Thursday.

• French consumer prices were unchanged in November from October despite an increase in the price of tobacco, according to provisional figures.

 Volkswagen AG said results at its troubled Spanish unit SEAT SA would improve further in 1995 as a result of better earnings and cost-cutting measures.

 Lonrho PLC's joint chief executive, Dieter Bock, said he would. consider cutting his holding in the company to 10 percent "if the price is right." He currently holds 18.8 percent. • SGS-Thomson Microelectronics NV said it was planning a share

• Kenya, seeking to clean up its image for investors, said it would allow foreign investment on its stock exchange.

issue that may take place "in the next 18 to 24 months."

• The European Investment Bank said it was lending 35 billion pesetas (\$264 million) so that Ford España SA can equip a new engine production line at its plant near Valencia. • Empresa Nacional de Electricidad SA of Spain confirmed that it

planned to pay a 1994 gross interim dividend of 73 pesetas, up from 66 pesetas a year earlier. • LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA, the French maker of

luxury goods, said it would achieve its objective of a 20 percent increase in net profit in 1994. It posted profit of 3.75 billion francs, (\$691 million) last year. • Great Britain's Tourist Board said that visitors to England for

this year's 50th anniversary celebrations of the D-Day invasion spent £40 million (\$62.4 million).

· Oslo's stock exchange said that its director, Erik Jarve, has been DM. Net interest income rose dismissed after the discovery of alleged irregularities involving "a 13.8 percent, to 3.5 billion DM, mixture of private economy and the economy of the bourse." Reuters, AP, Knight-Ridder, AFP, AFX

2 British Utilities Report Large Rise In First-Half Profit

LONDON — Two of Britain's privatized regional electricity companies, Eastern Group PLC and Northern Electric PLC, reported Monday first-half results that out-

shone even the most optimistic forecasts.

Eastern Group, Britain's largest regional utility which serves more than 3 million customers, said pretax profit in the six months to Sept. 30 had risen 27 percent, to £98.1 million (\$153 million). The dividend was raised 25 percent to 8.25 pence. The smaller Northern Electric, whose shares

have been surging recently amid market talk that there may be a bid for it in the offing, said half-year pretax profit had risen 20.5 percent, to £63.4 million, and the dividend was raised almost 30 percent, to 9.6 pence. Eastern, which promised to give domestic and small-business customers a rebate of up

to £12 each, said operating costs in its main electricity-distribution business had fallen 7

percent in real terms. Northern Electric said earnings would rise further in the second half, after the company bought back 10 percent of its shares for cancellation, reducing the number of shares in issue.

Up in U.K., Raising Fears of Inflation

LONDON - Nonadjusted producer output prices in Britain, a key inflation indicator that measures the cost of goods leaving factories, rose

materials and fuel rose 2.4 percent in November after adjusting for seasonal variations, the Central Statistical Office said Monday.

rise in the price of electricity paid by manufacturing companies," a government official said. "In the past year there have been rises in the prices of most categories of imported materials."

Stock and government bond prices fell as the report raised concern that the increase in interest rates in Britain this month may not have been enough to dampen inflation. The Financial

"People are saying there are more interest-rate rises to come here and in the U.S.," said Christopher Clark, strategist at Credit Lyonnais Laing Securities Ltd. "So we can't seem to get out of this bearish phase."

Mortgage Loans Buoy Vereinsbank

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Vereinsbank AG said Monday its operating profit declined 2.2 percent in the first 10 months of the year, to 900.8 million Deutsche marks (\$570 million), and that a surge in mortgage lending had helped offset a sharp drop

in trading income. Germany's three largest com-

MUNICH - Bayerische varying from 15 percent to 27 percent.

> Vereinsbank voiced confidence about results for the full year. "Despite continuing uncertainty on financial markets, we expect to have a satisfactory result overall for 1994," it said.

The bank eked out 5.8 milmercial banks — Deutsche lion DM in net income from Bank AG, Dresdner Bank AG, trading, down dramatically and Commerzbank AG — re- from 241.1 million DM in the cently reported larger drops in year-earlier period, but up from

10-month operating profit, the loss of 7.9 million DM reported for the first half.

> Albrecht Schmidt, the bank's chairman, said that foreign exchange transactions and derivative instruments also helped compensate for writeoffs and losses in bond trading. "We drastically reduced our market risk," he said.

Risk provisions were down 11.6 percent, to 682.6 million (Bloomberg, AFP)

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Tokyo Eases Rules In Effort to Help **Investment Funds**

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO — In a move aimed at luring individuals back into Japan's declining stock market, the Ministry of Finance unveiled a series of measures on Monday that relax restrictions on securities-investment trusts.

The new rules, most of which will take effect Jan. I, will allow investment trusts, which are similar to mutual funds, to invest in derivatives. Investing in

Share Prices In India Drop After Election

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prices tumbled on the Bombay Stock Exchange on Monday in response to the defeat of India's governing Congress (I) Party in state

The BSE index, which tracks 30 blue-chip companies, lost 83.39 points to close at 3,884.48. Selling was heavy as the country's largest bourse reopened for trading after weekend ballot counting. The results showed that Congress (I) had lost power in two southern states.

The index at Delhi dropped 21.85 points, to

"There is a general downtrend," said Ajit Ambani, a broker in Bombay. There are only sell orders. The dealers are panicky because nobody is buying. Foreign institutional investors are all selling heavily."

Premal Madhavji, an analyst with D.S. Purbhoodas and Co., predicted the index in Bombay would fall to 3,700 points this week. "It has the potential to fall another 150 points," he

just want to get out of the (AFP, Bloomberg)

said. "Right now people

derivatives had previously been limited to hedging risk. Derivatives allow investors to

bet on the direction or amount change in securities or interest rates without actually buying the underlying instrument.

Individual investors also will be able to compare the performances of various trusts and to know what kind of securities they invest in.

The new rules take steps toward clearing away one area that has long been a source of friction between the United States and Japan: access by foreign securities firms to Japan's fund-management industry.

The ministry also will abolish limits on which foreign markets investment trusts are allowed to trade on. The law currently limits them to 37 markets in 28

In addition, companies will be banned from making up for losses their clients suffer.

Because of the recent slump in the Japanese stock market, investment trusts have been hit by a decline in new contracts and growing numbers of re-demptions. The total amount of cash invested in the trusts has fallen to 18.14 trillion yen (\$180 billion) in October from 45.55 trillion yen as of Dec. 31, 1989.

Since June 13, the Nikkei Stock Average has dropped 12 percent. It closed Monday at 18,975.10, down 0.02 percent.

To help investors judge the performance of investment trusts, the ministry will ask the trusts to disclose the performance of one or two of their funds. Based on the information, the association of investment-trust companies will compile a list of each company's performance.

The request will apply only to those funds started after Jan. 1, a ministry official said. But the ministry is considering adding existing funds to its list, probably after April. To make each fund's objec-

tives more transparent, the ministry will ask them to explain details of their funds. The companies will have to report what securities they buy and inform investors of changes.

Shanghai Gets Tough on Stock Fraud

SHANGHAI - Police have arrested a leading company executive in the biggest corruption case in the history of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, according to company executives and news reports.

Zhu Jianping, 48, the deputy general manager of Shanghai Rubber Belt Co., allegedly earned 800,000 yuan (\$94,000) by selling shares in his company that had been earmarked for institutional inves-

The announcement of his arrest adds to the woes of a market tarnished by speculation and battered by a wave of selling in the past several months.

Rubber Belt has issued B shares to foreign investors, who have started to turn sour on Chinese equities, partly because of fears of rising inflation.

Shanghai television broadcast on

Monday a program about Mr. Zhu's ar-

rest that showed him handcuffed and

being interrogated by state prosecutors. The case dates from late 1991 and early 1992, when the conveyor-belt maker turned into a listed company. Mr. Zhu was the senior executive in charge of issuing and listing shares and used his position to acquire a block of 25,000 shares reserved for institutional investors, according to Du Gongliang, the secretary of Rubber Belt's Discipline In-

spection Commission. He sold the shares to the manager of a local rubber company at 35 yuan per share and later arranged the sale of the same shares to another enterprise for 100 yuan. Mr. Zhu and the rubber company

This case has greatly damaged the image and the reputation of our company," Mr. Du said on the television program. "Shareholders will suspect this is corporate conduct, but actually it was the act of an individual."

Mr. Zhu was arrested on Nov. 7 and confessed two days later. Mr. Du said. The company announced that he had

The Rubber Belt scandal is the biggest corruption case in the history of the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

been dismissed for corruption after the market closed Friday.

Shanghai's A-share index has lost around 40 percent of its value since mid-September, while the B-share index has dropped 25 percent in the same period. Overseas investors are worried about rising bank interest rates and the impact

on corporate earnings of Beijing's tight credit policy. Shanghai's B-share market also has been dragged down by losses on Hong Kong's market. Rubber Belt is viewed by foreign fund managers as one of the weaker Shanghai

B-shares with uncertain prospects in a saturated market for conveyor belts. Shanghai shares ended sharply lower in slow trading Monday, mainly because

manager split the profit of 1.6 million the People's Bank of China delayed an announcement of a monthly interest subsidy, brokers said.

The A-share index, for domestic investors, ended down 21.17 points at 638.528 points, and the B-share index, for for-

eigners, shed 1.29 points to end at 62.24. Shanghai authorities have launched a war against speculators who have virtu-ally hijacked the market and scared away many small investors. But, despite widespread rumors about kickbacks and illegal share dealing among brokerages and company directors, only a few cases of

corruption have been publicized.

Last month another Shanghai B-share company, Shanghai Forever Bicycle, announced that it had dismissed its deputy managing director for accepting \$2,500 in return for helping a friend buy company shares. In May, city prosecutors confirmed that the former head of the listing department of the Shanghai brokerage Haitong Securities was under criminal investigation.

Paul Vibert, head of research at Baring Securities in Shanghai, said the Rubber Belt case highlighted the problems of conflict of interest in the Chinese securities industry.

He said overseas investors worried about the pervasive presence of the state at all levels of industry and the lack of clear division between the investment banking and trading arms of Chinese brokerages

The Rubber Belt case "will not help sentiment," he said, "but then sentiment is negative anyway.

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• Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong discussed economic cooperation with President Kim Young Sam of South Korea on

• Digital Equipment Corp. said it had signed a joint-venture agreement with Hunan Computer Factory of China to develop and manufacture text terminals for the Chinese market.

 Australian telecommunications exports are expected to grow 43 percent in the year to June 1995, to 880 million Australian dollars (\$680 million), the telecommunications authority said.

 Daewoo Electronics Co. will take over and expand a consumer electronics plant in Poland; it plans to spend \$132 million on the complex in Pruszkow, west of Warsaw.

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. said it has selected a new version of the PowerPC microprocessor being developed by Apple Computer Inc., International Business Machines Corp. and Motorola inc. for its 64-bit game machine.

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China Petrochemical Purchases Acer Shares

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches TAIPEI - China Petro-

chemical Development Corp. has bought shares in the computer maker Acer Inc., a China Petrochemical spokesman said Monday. "It's a strong company and

their earnings potential is good," the spokesman said. Taiwan's CNA news agence said China Petrochemical had

bought 1.61 million Acer shares (\$5.75 million), or about 94.5 dollars a share, up to the end of November. Acer has 477 million shares listed. The China Petrochemical spokesman declined to confirm the specifics. In october, Acer said profit

for its first nine months more than tripled, to 2.1 billion dollars as sales rose 67 percent, to 22.1 billion dollars. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Australian TV Venture in Doubt

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Ltd., one of three major TV broadcasters in Australia, said Monday it was withdrawing from a pay-television consor-tium led by Optus Communications Pty., a privately owned phone company.

The existence of Optus Vision, which was to have been built with more than 3 billion Australian dollars (\$2.3 bilfor 152 million Taiwan dollars lion), was cast into doubt after the announcement. "The remaining three consor-

tium members are talking about the future of Optus Vision," a spokesman for Optus Communications said. Optus Vision now comprises Optus Communications, Pub-

lishing & Broadcasting Ltd. and Continental Cablevision Inc. of the United States.

the week we would be able to tus, one for the News-Telecom SYDNEY — Seven Network make a statement on where we are headed with this," the

> Seven Network said it would not give up plans to become involved in subscription televi-sion in some other format. Analysts said they expected the company to join the paytelevision venture formed re-

cently by its two largest shareholders: News Corp. and Telecom Australia, which is government-owned. Analysts said it was odd from the start that Seven Network

had planned to invest in a rival to its two largest shareholders. The company blamed the federal government's "new regula-

tory framework" for its decision. The government recently rejected an Optus proposal to split the country into two mo-"I would think by the end of nopoly regions - one for Op-

At the end of November, Mi-

chael Lee, the communications minister, announced that companies could exclude rivals from their cables for as long as five years but would then have to give access to other providers at government-controlled times and prices.

After that announcement, Optus said it might drop plans to lay its 3-billion-dollar cable network. Optus warned the government at the time that its withdrawal would hand a monopoly to the venture between News Corp. and Telecom.

The Optus venture was dealt blow last week when Kerry Packer said he would withdraw his planned 318 million dollar investment in Optus Vision. He

Gulf States to Expand Oil Capacity

ABU DHABI - Gulf Arab states will invest more than \$20 billion in the next five years to expand oil production capacity to meet growing world demand, an industry official said Monday. The funds are part of about \$30 billion to be spent by the six Gulf Cooperation Council states in an attempt to diversify their oil-reliant economies, said Hisham Khawaikeva, information official at the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consultancy. The six countries - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman,

Qatar and the United Arab Emirates - have already pumped billions of dollars into increasing output capacity. They control 45 percent of the global oil reserves of nearly 1 trillion barrels. Saudi Arabia has increased its capacity to around 10 million

also cited the government rul-ing. (Bloomberg, AFP) barrels per day from 9.6 million barrels in 1992, and is p raise it to 12 million barrels per day by the year 2000. barrels per day from 9.6 million barrels in 1992, and is planning to

TVA Pulls the Plug on Nukes

Last 3 U.S. Atomic Plants Are Mothballed

By Daniel Southerland Washington Past Service

The Tennessee Valley Authority, one of the largest American power producers, said Monday it would halt work on the last three nuclear power plants under construction in the United States.

The decision marks the end of an era for the once-mighty U.S. nuclear power industry, which had held the promise of freeing the country from dependence on foreign oil.

Across America, 109 nuclear plants produce about 20 percent of the country's electricity, second only to the output of coalfired power plants. But most is intended to reduce its debt, utilities long ago dropped plans to build nuclear plants because

Mr. Crowell said.

Mr. Crowell, a 50 of high costs. No new plants

Crowell, the TVA chairman.

the case in other countries. gy needs. In Asia, leaders of rapnuclear power a necessary part of the energy mix. China, for help of technology provided by

Western energy companies. The TVA's decision to pull the plug on its construction of nuclear-driven electrical plants

Mr. Crowell, a 50-year-old ap-pointee of President Bill Clinton, have been ordered since 1978. said the TVA would consider "I think this is bringing to a completing the plants if it could

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But while the nuclear power bility of finding partners."

TVA, which is owned by the France is committed to nuclear federal government and propower for 75 percent of its ener- tected from some competitive pressures, had pressed ahead. idly growing economies consider Its decision to halt construction is a major shift for the agency, Mr. Crowell said. But he said one, is vigorously pursuing nuclear plant construction with the help of technology provided by Deal, had to recognize that policies conceived decades ago are

no longer viable. Cost estimates for building the three half-finished TVA plants have climbed steadily over the years and have reached \$8.5 billion, Mr. Crowell said. The TVA already has invested about \$6.3 billion in the three plants - \$4.6 billion in two unfinished units at the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant near Hollywood, Alabama, and about \$1.7 billion in the Watts Bar Unit 2 near Spring City, Tennessee.

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Insurance Law Threatens Oil Flow

By Agis Salpukas New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The flow of foreign oil into the United States could be disrupted late this month because of a new federal law that requires tankers to carry 10 times the liability insurance they have taken to cover accidents and spills in the

No one expects the change to cause lines at the gasoline pumps, but some specialists predict that tight supplies could raise the price of gasoline and heating oil by at least a few cents a gallon. The Northeast is particularly vulnerable because of its heavy dependence on oil for heating in the winter.

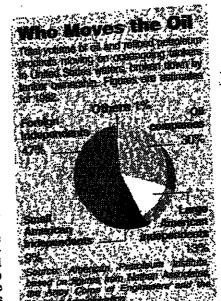
For a typical ship moving oil from the Gulf to the United States, owners estimated that the new requirements would add about \$1,000 a day, or 5 percent, to their costs. When that oil enters the American marketplace, oil companies may try to raise prices to recover some of

those expenses. Under a 1990 law enacted after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in 1989. no tanker will be able to dock in the United States as of Dec. 28 unless it has demonstrated to the Coast Guard that it has the financial ability to carry hun-dreds of millions of dollars of liability insurance. The United States now imports a little more than half its oil, and about 80 percent of that moves by ship.

Each day, 7.5 million barrels of crude oil arrive in the United States, and oil specialists say a minimum of 800 tankers is needed overall to avoid interruptions. Slightly more than half, about 430 tankers, have demonstrated the financial strength needed for the Coast Guard

Because most of the approved tankers are large ships owned by big oil compaclearance. nies and shipping companies, their total capacity could account for more than half the total oil that is needed. But the exact capacity figures for the approved tankers could not be determined.

By contrast, many independent shipowners, some of whom deliver crude oil for companies like Marathon Oil Co. and Citgo Petroleum Corp., cannot get the insurance they need for their ships. Because it takes about 30 days for a



tanker loaded with crude oil to get to the United States from the Middle East, some shipments have already been canceled in the Middle East because the vessels lack the insurance needed to dock in the United States after Dec. 28, some shipowners said.

On Friday, the head of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners, which represents 80 percent of the independently owned ships in the world, expressed optimism that many ships could meet the deadline.

Miles Kulukundis, the association's chairman, said in a statement that efforts to provide the independent owners with the means to get the federal approvals were "progressing well."

But with low inventories of crude oil at U.S. refineries, many independent tank-er owners, oil industry executives and other experts said they were concerned about whether there would be enough Coast Guard-certified tankers to prevent

Others say the worldwide system for delivering crude oil to the United States has already been disrupted and may lead to higher prices. On the New York Mer-

cantile Exchange on Friday, the wholesale price for January delivery for unleaded gasoline was 52.69 cents a gallon and for heating oil it was 49.27 cents a gallon.

Referring to the flow of imported oil, Charles J. DiBona, the president of the American Petroleum Institute, the industry's leading trade group, said the industry could not rely on inventories if supplies were interrupted in a big way.

At Phillips Petroleum Co., Eric Rumley, the marine manager, said the company had about 3 million barrels of oil on the way to the United States from various parts of the world in tankers that had not yet received the Coast Guard certification. To help ease the uncertainty, the company has chartered, at a premium, some ships that have certificates.

Mr. Rumley said Phillips and other oil companies were considering having tankers that did not qualify stay outside the 200-mile legal limit of the United States and unload onto smaller tankers that had been certified. Such a procedure would increase the risk of spills while unloading.

Most independent tanker owners carsubstantial insurance already, but they say they do not have the financial resources to assume 10 times more liability without outside assistance.

The traditional insurers for independent carriers, known as mutual marine protection and indemnity clubs, have not been willing to take on the additional risk, fearing the possible size of liability claims from various groups in an oil spill.

Even though there are limits on the liability in the law, they fear that if they are made guarantors of the new requirements, they could be sued directly in spills and thus open themselves to huge inknown risks.

The regulations are aimed at carrying ont a provision of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, an attempt by Congress to make make it less likely that taxpayers would be asked to pay to clean up a spill of the magnitude of the Exxon Valdez disaster. In the Exxon Valdez spill in March 1989, the total cost of the cleanup and the fiability awards has amounted to \$7.4 billion, though Exxon is appealing \$5 billion of the awards.

MERRILL: Hitting a Snag

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said they would run out of money by March at the latest unless they can withdraw cash from the now-frozen county investment pool, the Los Angeles.

Times reported. The county's Department of Education also has warned local superintendents that they have no guarantee that thousands of teachers and other school employees will receive paychecks the week after Christmas.]

Mr. Tully and his team said that Merrill acted as a salesman to Orange County, not as its financial adviser, and bears no responsibility for the way an experienced investor like Mr. Citron invested the fund's money. What went wrong, they said, had more to do with Mr. Citron's decision to borrow heavily than the derivatives that Mernil sold

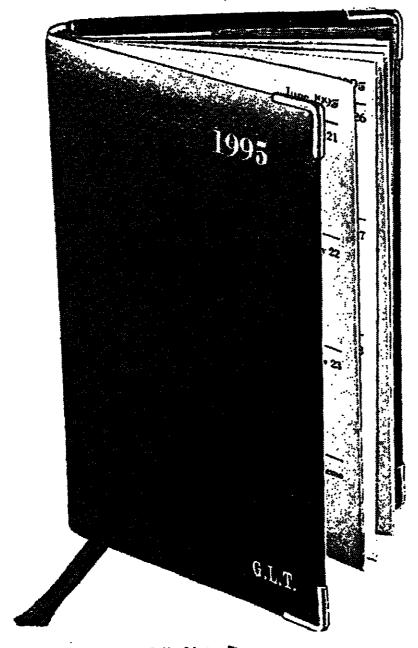
to him Still, future litigation may hinge on whether Merrill had a responsibility to stop selling securities to such a heavily lever-

aged fund.
"I think a brokerage has a duty not to permit a customer to invest in an inappropriate fashion especially when taxpayers' money is at stake," said Melvyn Weiss, a partner at the law firm of Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach in New.

Mr. Weiss represented the city of San Jose, California; when it sued 13 brokerage firms, including Merrill, after losing \$60 million in the early.

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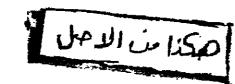
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World Cup Skiing: Europe's Catch 22 Is the Tie That Binds And it could get even more painful if the three men's races and three women's races are the partial and the partial race women's races and three women's races are three three women

By Christopher Clarey Special to the Herald Tribune

skiers raced in a super-giant slalom under France have to be postponed or relocated, sunny skies here Sunday, and they raced in a slalom Monday night under floodlights in

But no matter how many times they hit the slippery slopes between now and the World Sestriere, Italy. Cup final in mid-March, there will be no smoothing over the disastrous beginning of

Plagued by a near-total lack of snow in the Alps and mild temperatures that made snow-making highly problematic, not one of the First seven sites scheduled to host World Cup men's events could keep its commitment.

"It's been 30 years since we have had a winter like this in Europe," said Gianni Poncet, the sports director at Sestriere, whose resort was unable to host the opening two races, on Nov. 26 and 27, despite putting six helicopters, 10 trucks and hundreds of sol-diers to work bringing snow down from high-

er altitudes. Thanks to considerable scrambling and the existence of the glacier in Tignes, World Cup officials managed to salvage four of the first seven races and have rescheduled the next three in Val d'Isère, France. But the blow to finances and tradition has been considerable.

Traincrize, usen some men and women to the United States for three weeks in midthe United States for three weeks in midthe United States for three weeks in Movember, starting perhaps in Park City,

scheduled later this month in Slovenia and

The question now is how to avoid a repeat, and the short-term answer appears to be holding more early season races in North America, where the women competed successfully this year and where conditions have been consistently more conducive to skiing in

cent Novembers and Decembers. Though resorts in the United States and Canada can also fall victim to light, pre-Christmas snowfalls, temperatures are generally cold enough in North America to guarantee that resorts can make snow.

"For the moment, our planning is to try and open the season in the States as much as we can," said Tito Giovannini, an Italian who is the World Cup alpine director. In recent years, it has become habitual to

send either the men or women to North America to start the season. In the future, both sexes may spend part of the early season there. According to Giovannini, the tentative schedule for 1995-96 is to begin in Tignes with men's and women's giant slaloms on Nov. 11 and 12, then send both men and women to

part of a 50th anniversary celebration.

Such plans sound fine to American skiers and coaches, who would have more races closer to home. But they remain skeptical. They won't send both the men and wom-

en over together," said Bill Egan, coach of the downhill and super-G teams. "The ski industry is just too big over here, and the Europeans really don't like coming to North America.

The industry is indeed sizeable in central Europe, where sponsors, manufacturers and resorts all rely on the publicity generated by the World Cup to sell equipment, clothing and ski vacations before Christmas.

"As soon as people see our World Cup events on their TV screens, the telephones start ringing immediately and people want to make reservations," said Jean-Claude Fritsch, who runs the prestigious men's events in early December in Val d'Isère. "We are in our 39th year, and we only have had to cancel twice: in 1974 and this year. That's not

too bad a score. Clearly, Fritsch and other European race organizers are not about to surrender their precious pre-Christmas dates without a struggle. Nor are they interested in pushing the start of the season back a month and extend-

thinking about the ocean or their bicycles," Fritsch said.

But the Europeans do realize that nothing creates worse publicity than cancellations. With television production costs already high, networks need to be sure of getting a good return on their investment. And television viewers who tune in to watch races and regularly see nothing but repeats or green hills are not inclined to tune in again soon.

There also is the question of insurance, which European race organizers have begun buying in the last decade. Val d'Isère, for example, pays premiums of between 500,000 and 700,000 French francs annually (between \$92,000 and \$130,000) for 4 million francs of coverage. Fritsch estimates that, normally, the World Cup races generate from 8 million to 10 million francs of revenue for Val d'Isère. But this winter's slew of cancellations not only meant that resorts will lose money from tourism and television rights, it means that premiums will soar. If insurers can be found.

"It's a very big issue," Giovannini said.
Big enough to help explain why Europeans
are prepared to be flexible.

"We need to have a race in Val d'Isère by

Whatever the FIS does decide, the debate about the World Cup's future is not about to end. Giovannini is pushing for a more global approach to marketing and is weighing the merits of holding World Cup races, for the first time, in South Korea and South Africa. Most of all, he wants a more cohesive and modern approach to television, with fewer races in the morning and occasional events at night during the week, like Monday's slalom in Sestriere, that can draw primetime television audiences. "Our No. 1 problem is televi-

sion," he said. Others are more interested in overhauling the World Cup calendar. The Norwegian Ski Association has submitted a plan that would reduce the number of events from 68 to 48 and create four distinct seasons: with four events in the southern hemisphere in August, four on glaciers in October and November, 24 at traditional sites in December and January, and 16 more events in March.

"I think in the long term we do need to change structure," Giovannini said. "But you must remember that skiing is a very tradition-

Grobbelaar Lawyers Accuse

FA of Foul Play in Inquiry

FINA Adds Threat of Life Bans

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LAUSANNE, Switzerland -The International Swimming Federation said Monday that anyone found to have assisted in the use of drugs by Chinese swimmers would face a lifetime ban from the sport.

Seven Chinese swimmers have been barred from competition for two years after testing positive for the banned anabo lic steroid dehydrotestosterone in tests carried out before and during the Asian Games in Haroshima, Japan, in October:

The federation, which had already announced bans on women's world champions Yang Al-hua and Lu Bin, confirmed China's two-year ban on the five others tested by the Asian Games organizers: the male swimmers Xiong Guoming, Hu-Bin, Fu Yong and Zhang Binand the women's 400-meter freestyle winner at the Asian

Games, Zhou Guanbin. Yang and Ln tested positive in federation tests as well as the tests of the Asian Games orga-

The international federation, known as FINA, also said in a statement that China's federation had been asked "to conduct an investigation to deter-LONDON - Bruce Grobbelaar's lawyers said Monday the mine if any person, including a English Football Association's inquiry into bribery allegations coach, trainer or doctor, is made against the 37-year-old Southampton goalkeeper should be found to have helped or advised halted until a police investigation has been completed.

And, they said, the FA had still not told him which match he is the competitors in misuse, or is in knowledge of such misuse Grobbelaar voluntarily talked to police after the allegations were made last month by The Sun newspaper. But, said the attorney David Hewitt, details of those allegations were received from the FA only last Thursday. In addition, Hewitt said, "In

without reporting it to FINA."
The sanction for such a peron will be suspension up to life," the statement said.

The Chinese federation said last week that it had begun an investigation into determining the source of the drugs. In Beijing, the deputy general secretary of the Chinese Olym-

pic Committee, He Huixian, said it was unlikely that the athletes who were found to have used dehydrotestosterone were able to get hold of such substances by themselves.

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But we have to have proof before we can make charges about any accomplices," she

She also criticized the month it took the Japanese organizers of the Asian Games to announce the results of the 11 positive tests. "Eleven athletes, that is not a

small number in anyone's book, and we were very surprised, because the organizers had previously expressed satisfaction that only a single Thai football-

"A wait of this kind is unprecedented in the world of sport," she added. "But even though we have not had a satisfactory explanation from the Japanese about this delay, we have respected the facts." (Reuters, AFP)

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Under Floodlights, Tomba Wins 2d Cup Slalom

SESTRIERE, Italy - The three-time Olympic champion Alberto Tomba, in the best season start since his golden 1987-88 campaign, scored his second consecutive slalom triumph Monday in the first World Cup race skied under floodlights.

 The Italian superstar clocked the fastest time in both runs, down the icy Kandahar course, for a winning combined time of 1 minute 53.61 seconds.

Tomba, who will celebrate his 28th birthday next week and who said this may be his last season of competitive skiing, edged by six-hundreths of a secand The mas Fogdoe of Sweden whose time was 1:53.67. Michael Tritscher, the Austrian veteran, was third, nearly

two seconds behind the winner. The Slovene slalom specialist Jure Kosir edged Thomas Stangassinger, the Olympic champion, for fourth place, in 1:55,55.

Tomba scored his 35th career victory eight days after capturing the first World Cup slalom of the season at Tignes, France. The victory Monday, his

sixth out of nine races contested in this Italian alpine resort, extended Tomba's lead in the overall Cup S The Italian skier, interna-

tionally known as La Bomba because of his powerful, explosive style, piled up 250 points through two slalom victories and a fourth place in a giant slalom. He did not start Sunday in the Super-G at Tignes because he does not want to take risks in speed races.

"I did not feel very well," Tomba said. "I did not believe I could win here tonight."

He said that he suffered from rib pains after injuring himself with a stick during the warmup.
"No doubt this is my favorite



Italian flags, played horns and

shot off fireworks. Tomba had heat times of 57.26 and 56.35 seconds, compared with Fogdoe's 57.31 and

When he started with two victories at Sestriere in the 1987-88 campaign, Tomba end-ed the season with nine World Cup trophies and two Olympic

course," he said while throwing titles at Calgary, Alberta. He champion Kjetil Andre Aaland and Austria, continues at will be seen and titles at Calgary, Alberta. He champion Kjetil Andre Aaland and Austria, continues at will be seen and the said while throwing at uncertain slamodt, showing an uncertain s France four years later. Other top finishers in Mon-

day night's race included Sebastien Amiez of France, 6th, and two Austrians, Mario Reiter, 7th, and Thomas Sykora, 8th.
Amiez, only 15th after the
first heat, clocked the third fastest time in the second run, to

improve by nine places.
The defending World Cup

onds slower than Tomba. Kiminobu Kimura of Japan

had his best stalom finish ever placing 12th, 3.17 seconds behind the winner.

The men's World Cup program, disrupted by lack of snow that forced cancellation of some races in Italy, France, Switzer-

 Two-time Olympic cham-pion Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, recovered from the kidney infection that sidelined her for eight consecutive World Cup races, said Monday she planned to make her season debut in a giant slalom next week, weather permitting.

within 24 hours of them being made known. The FA said Monday night that if Grobbelaar "wishes to present an argument" that its proceedings be suspended pending criminal investigations "then it is his right to do so." It added that if he did, the FA "would give it very careful consideration."

SIDELINES Virginia Wins Historic Soccer Title

advance of receiving copies of The Sun material we asked for

further details of these allegations, including identification of the

over the time Grobbelaar was given to respond to the charges.

Hewitt also said that "misleading impressions" had been given

"Bruce Grobbelaar has never requested nor been granted an

extension of time," the attorney stressed. "The only time limit was

a 14-day period to answer the FA charges. He denied the charges

match referred to. These details have not yet been provided.

DAVIDSON, North Carolina (NYT) — The University of Virginia won its fourth consecutive national title Sunday by defeating Indiana, 1-0, before 12,033, the largest crowd to witness

an NCAA championship soccer game. The Cavaliers' goal came on a 10-yard, left-footed shot by A. Wood about 20 minutes into the match. For Wood, Tain Nix, ds and Clint Peay, it was their fourth title in four years at Virginia, a feat that no other athletes have accomplished Division I — in any sport.

For the Record

Jorginho, the Brazilian soccer star who has played five years in Germany, signed a two-year contract with the Kashima Antiers; the Japanese club reportedly paid \$2.2 million to buy out his contract with Bayern Munich.

The Japan Ice Hockey Federation, to hone its players' skills for the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, is lifting a 1983 ban and will allow its six professional teams to sign a maximum of two foreign players each next season, Kyodo News Service reported. (AP) Cesar Menetti, who led Argentina to its first World Cup title in 1978, resigned as coach of the struggling first division Boca Juniors, Argentina's most popular team.

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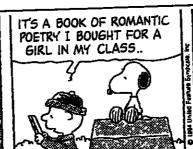


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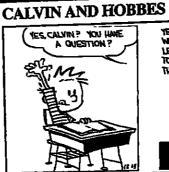
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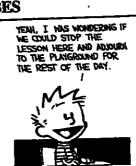
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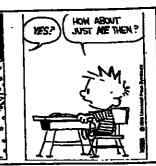








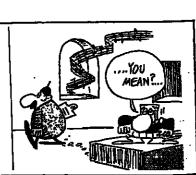




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Henry Thomas.

Arizona handed Washington its main back with Barry Foster

sixth consecutive defeat as Greg Davis kicked a 27-yard field

goal on the last play of the

game. The Redskins had taken

Chip Lohmiller's third field

Henry Ellard had eight

catches for 191 yards for the

Saints 29, Falcons 20: New

Orleans, with Jim Everett pass-ing for two touchdowns and

Morten Andersen kicking five field goals, beat host Atlanta

for the 13th time in their last 17

meetings. Seahawks 16, Oilers 14: Vis-

iting Seattle built a 16-0 lead as

Chris Warren nearly outgained Houston's offense with 185

yards on 30 carries, one a 33-

yard TD run. The Oilers, who

had 208 total yards, scored

twice in the final 4:23. A second

two-point conversion, which

would have tied the score, failed

when Todd McNair caught a

■ In earlier games, reported

Packers 40, Bears 3: Brett

Favre threw three TD passes

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snapped a three-game losing

points in 1:48 of the fourth

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first NFL touchdown and John

its fifth consecutive defeat.

pass but was tackled at the Sea-hawks' 1-yard line.

in some Monday editions:

visiting Redskins.

Rams (4-10) were eliminated from playoff consideration. Patriots 28, Colts 13: Two weeks after limiting Marshall Faulk to 48 yards, host New England held the AFC's No. 3

rusher to 50 yards on 17 carries as an improving defense allowed fewer than 300 yards for. the fourth straight week. Giants 27, Bengals 20: New York won its fourth straight as Rodney Hampton scored on a 3-yard run with 40 seconds left."

The Giants went 66 yards to. score, aided greatly by a ques-Andre Hastings scored his tionable pass interference call on Corey Sawyer.

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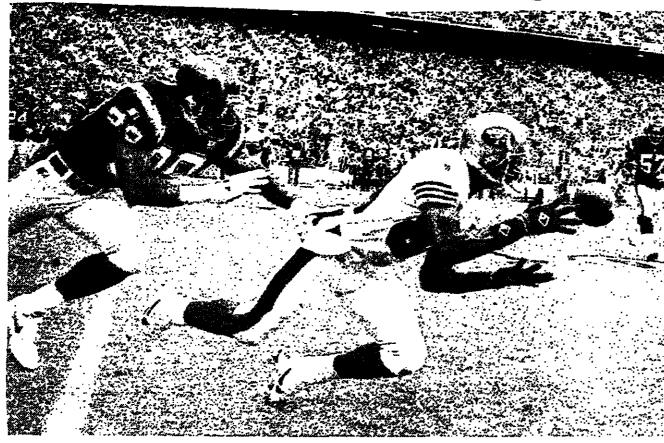
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49ers, Playing With All Kings, Treat the Chargers Like Pawns, 38-15



Jerry Rice, eluding the Chargers' Dwayne Harper, made 12 catches for 144 yards in the game, pushing his total to 13,141 yards. He joined James Lofton (14,004) and Steve Largent (13,089) as the only receivers with more than 13,000.

Baseball Owners: New Plan, and Old Threat

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches RYE BROOK, New York - It was the players' turn Monday to respond as the major league baseball strike went into its fifth month.

The owners made a new proposal Sunday, replacing their escalating payroll tax with a flat tax. Union officials, however, said it would act like a salary cap, leaving the sides almost as far apart as

they were when the strike began Aug. 12. Management's chief negotiator, John Harrington of the Boston Red Sox, said the new plan was a "substantial move" by the owners, who had received the union's latest proposal 27 hours earlier.

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The owners' new plan also has provisions for a secondary tax that, would ensure that salaries don't escalate, they said, and embraced some of the union's ideas on future joint ventures.

Donald Fehr, the union leader, said his side needed time to analyze the plan. but his initial reaction wasn't positive. "At first blush, it appears their new proposal contains virtually all the ele-ments of the salary cap," he said.

Even as they offered the new plan, the owners said their salary cap proposal remained on the table, asked the union to formally respond by Monday night and reminded the union that there is a meet-

ing of all owners scheduled for Thursday in Chicago. Harrington has said the owners will declare an impasse and impose a salary cap unless an agreement is

"If they need to rush off to their meeting, then they'll do whatever they do." Febr said.

In a related developement, Gene Orza, the union's associate general counsel. said that the Department of Labor certified the strike last Thursday, meaning that the Immigration and Naturalization Service will not grant visas to players who could replace the striking major leaguers. (AP, NYT) leaguers.

By Thomas George New York Times Service

SAN DIEGO, California -The San Francisco 49ers are feeling pretty good about themselves right now. Having watched the Dallas Cowboys lose the day before, they then strolled into Jack Murphy Stadium and dispatched the San Diego Chargers as if this were an easy game of checkers.

You've got black, they've got red — and they're all kings. That must have been how the Chargers felt. They fell behind by 21-0 and then by 31-9 before losing by 38-15. It was ugly and it was convincing. It was the 49ers on offense for most of the start to wonder if we can do it." afternoon, humming to perfection, and the defense stout and

penetrating.
Steve Young was 25-for-32 for 304 yards and two touch-downs, completing all 11 passes he threw in the second half. He til the very last game." equaled another of Joe Montana's team records with his 31 TD passes this season, the same as Montana had in strike-torn

· Jerry Rice, who has more records than most people can count, caught 12 passes for 144

 And for good measure, Deion Sanders threw in an 90yard interception return with 32 seconds left, characteristically dancing into the end zone for the score. "We are," said Young, "at

the top of our game." The 49ers had already won their division, the National alone atop the NFC and are a his neck.

step closer to clinching home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs. In fact, the 49ers have the league's best re-That once belonged to the

Chargers. They lost for the sec- a 15-14 lead with 2:54 left on ond time in six days and, again. failed to clinch the American goal, a 21-yarder. Conference West division crown. Having started the season 6-0, they are 3-5 since and with this loss, and with the brutality of it, have plenty of mind

games left to play.
"We had an opportunity to close it out and clinch it. You

NFL ROUNDUP

safety Stanley Richard said of the Chargers, who play the 6-8 Jets in New York next week, then return home to face Pittsburgh (11-3) in the season finale. "You don't want to wait un-

In other games, The Associated Press reported: Raiders 23, Broncos 13: In

Los Angeles, the Raiders continued their resurgence and enhanced their playoff hopes as they beat Denver, which played without the injured John Elway. for the fifth straight time.

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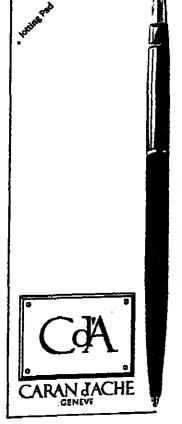
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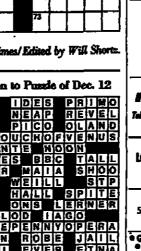
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Back in the Orphanage

WASHINGTON — When Newt Gingrich announced that his solution to welfare was to put children of teenage mothers in orphanages, my phone started ringing off the hook. It seems that every editor and television producer shouted at the same time, "Get

me an orphan." I recently wrote my memoirs describing my days at the He-

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I was placed in the home because my mother was ill Buchwald and my father

could not take care of me and my three sisters. Technically, weren't orphans and we didn't spend a lot of our childhood at the institution. We were sent to a series of foster homes, which was a different can of worms from doing time in that ugly red brick building on the

But I wasn't going to miss my chance to brag about what it was like to be an orphan -- as long as The New York Times, Newsweek, "Nightline" and "Entertainment Tonight" asked me to bear witness.

China Finds Stolen Artifacts

BEIJING - Five and a half months after they were stolen, 42 artifacts from northeast China's Shenyang museum were re-covered by the police and re-turned to their home, the overseas edition of the People's Daily said Monday. The relics, stolen June 26, were recovered Thursday as the police investigated a counterfeiting case, the iewspaper said.

The first reporter asked, "Was it terrible?"

I replied, "Go to Blockbuster and rent Boys Town' with Mickey Rooney and Spencer Tracy.

"Is that what it was like for you?" "No, it wasn't, but Newt

Gingrich thinks it was, and it's his welfare bill." "What did you do in the or-

phanage?" a second reporter asked.

"I was 5 and a half, so I stared out the window a lot." "What for?"

"I was hoping that my father would come back and take me

home." "Did you blame your father for putting you there in the first

"No. When you're a kid and something bad happens in your family, you blame yourself. I was sure that I had done something wrong or I wouldn't be there. I think that Gingrich can expect kids to carry a lot of guilt once he locks them up in the

A third reporter said, "Do you think that children are responsible for the fact that their mothers can't get off welfare?"

"If the Republicans say they are, who am I to argue the point? After all, the GOP won the election, so now the welfare kids are their responsibility and they can stick them wherever they want to."

"Do you remember anything good about your orphanage

days?"
"Well, we didn't have to hang around with a lot of snotty kids like Mickey Rooney. And we didn't have to take any guff from Father Flanagan, either." "What would be wrong with

"We were in a Jewish orphanage, and we lost all our dessert privileges if we took or-ders from a Catholic priest."

A Second Excavation for the Schliemann Treasure

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Ever since the end of World War II, a single curator at the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts had a special and entirely secret task: to monitor and maintain the artistic and archaeological bounty known as Priam's Treasure, which had been looted from Nazi

Germany by the Red Army.
Officially, all was silence. The Soviet government denied any knowledge of the 4,500-year-old treasure, which had been unearthed on the site of ancient Troy between 1873 and 1890 by the German amateur archaeologist, merchant and showman Heinrich Schliemann, whose finds astonished the world.

The treasures are actually a thousand years older than Homer's King Priam of Troy, who died about 1200 B.C. They are a stunning collection of gold and silver diadems, bracelets. carrings, pendants, rings, plates, goblets, but-tons, cups and perfume jars, which display the extraordinary artistry, technology and trading relationships of an ancient world.

There are 260 individually catalogued items at the Pushkin, but some pieces, like necklaces, have up to 200 beads of varying types. Counting every bead, there are believed to be some 12,000 individual pieces from the 17 separate digs Schliemann made at ancient Troy. Thirteen of those caches are at the Pushkin, with the rest scattered among some 45 other museums around the world.

But until little more than a year ago, even the new Russia would not admit that the vast bulk of the Schliemann treasure was here. At the Pushkin Museum itself, according to Vladimir P. Tolstikov, director of the department of art and archaeology of the ancient world, only he, the museum director and the old curator knew that the treasure was in Moscow. He and the old man never spoke about it, even to each other, Tolstikov says, and he still refuses to reveal the curator's name.

"We needn't speak it now," he said. "But he should be thanked by our government and the

world for preserving it so well."

And when Irina A. Antonova, the director of the Pushkin since 1961, would inquire of the higher-ups in the Communist Party's Culture Ministry about the possibility of revealing the treasure, the answer would always come down. bluntly: "It's none of your business. Your task is to keep them and that's all."

Antonova has been criticized for her silence. especially since 1991, when an article in Art News suggested that the treasure was in the Soviet Union.

"But no one could say a word against those orders," Tolstikov said. "Her career would

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Vladimir Tolstikov, left, and Mikhail Treister, will prepare 1996 exhibition in Moscow.

have been at an end, and we would have had a negotiations. But even the conversations repreworse director. Before people accuse her, they should remember what kind of country this was in the 1950s, '60s and '70s."

Now the order has come down from a different culture minister, Yevgeni Sidorov, to show at least some of the treasures. He has approved a public exhibition of the Schliemann trove for early 1996, with a new catalogue that takes advantage of contemporary testing methods. Even Tolstikov, who had known since 1977

of the collection's safekeeping in the Pushkin. saw the objects for the first time only in April.

The German Embassy here estimates that between 30,000 and 100,000 stolen works of art are still in Russian hands; the Russians say the Germans, in turn, stole many thousands of

artifacts during their occupation of the Soviet Union. Among these treasures are 12th- to 14thcentury icons, many of which have been dispersed into private collections, some of which are in the United States, and for that reason are

Bonn wants a mass exchange of works; the Russian Culture Ministry talks of case-by-case

sent enormous progress.

It was only three years ago that the Soviet Culture Ministry admitted to having any secret depositories of stolen art. And only in August 1993 did Russia admit to having Schliemann's

Tolstikov and Mikhail Y. Treister, the curator in his department, discussed the collection the other day in a cluttered office at the Pushkin, surrounded by bits of pottery and other findings from another dig going on in Crimea, in Ukraine. But the Schliemann treasures are still locked away until the exhibition, to be shown only to experts.

Despite Schliemann's mythmaking, the treasure has nothing to do with King Priam's Troy. They are much older, dating from around 2500 to 2400 B.C., not from the Homeric period, which was 1400 to 1200 B.C.

Schliemann said he found Troy by using the Iliad, and for one famous photograph he dressed his wife. Sophia, in a diadem that he claimed had been worn by Helen of Troy. "Schliemann actually missed the Homeric

layer and dug right through it without notic-ing," Treister said. While at the end of his life-Schliemann knew his mistake, he never admit-

ted it in his writing. Counter to the popular perception, not everything in the collection is gold or silver; there is a large bronze dish and even an artifact of iron, which Treister said was more valuable at

the time than gold.

"I feel very lucky to be able to see these." finds," he said. "Sometimes a clay pot can be more exciting and valuable than a gold dia-

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"Treasure A," known as Priam's, consists of 101 objects, and all of them are here, including Sophia Schliemam's famous diadem. But most impressive to Treister are four axes of wellpolished stone. One, made of lapis lazuli, was damaged in antiquity; the other three are in perfect condition and are believed to be un-

used, as if kept in storage. "What amazed me were the axes," he said. "The condition of the stone, the way they were made. It was a great pleasure to hold them, turn them and understand them. When you combine that with the place they were found -yes, it's sometimes possible to hear the Greek trum

The collection includes other semimanufactured items, among them lenses of rock crystal polished well enough to be used as magnifying glasses. They may have been used, he suggests, to produce some of the astonishingly fine detailing and granulations on the earnings and

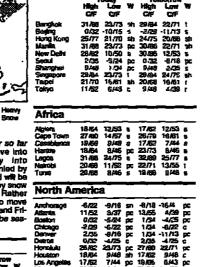
In addition to the lapis lazuli, which would have come from Afghanistan, he said, there are two amber beads, almost surely from the Baltic Sea. "Imagine the scale of international trading relations in the third millennium B. C." he said. "From Afghanistan to the Baltic -it's anexample of the kind of hypothesis we can already draw from our preliminary work."

Here Tolstikov broke in. "It shows you why Troy was worth the battle later," he said. It's still worth the battle. While the value of the treasures is indisputable, there's considera-

bly more dispute about their ownership.
"Many journalists call it theft," said Tolstikov, "but it's reparation for damage inflicted on our country in World War II. In any case, we can speak only of the exchange of valuables, not their restitution."

It was Schliemann who gave the find to Germany, and it was housed in the Ethnographical Museum in Berlin, later called the Museum of Early and Pre-History. During the war, the treasures were crated and stored near the Berlin Zoo in a bunker, which was liberated, along with its contents, by the Red Army.

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TOKYO SUCCESS - The singer Diana Ross acknowledging her Japanese fans after a Tokyo concert.

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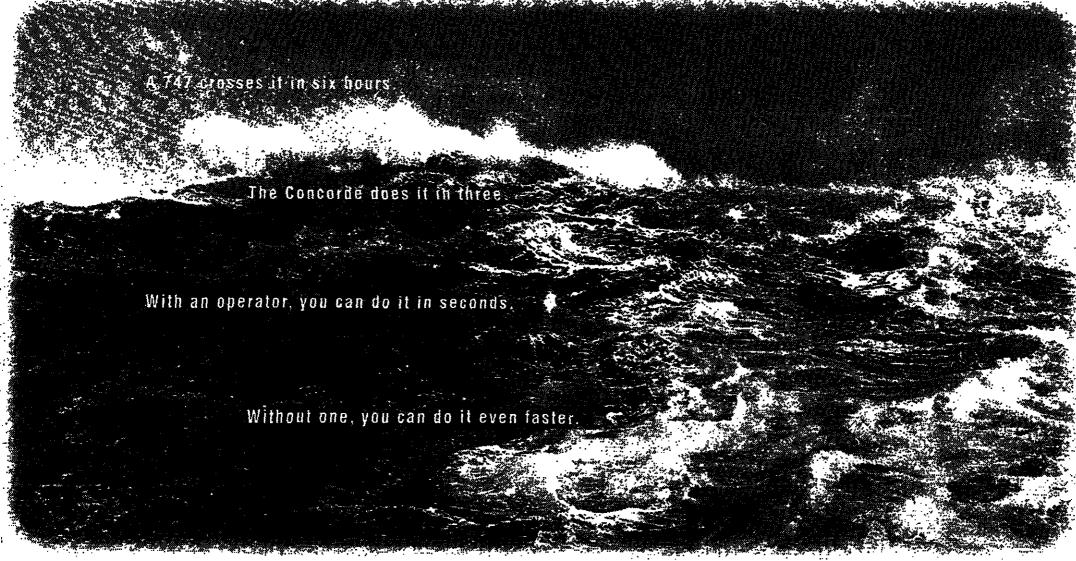
HE Los Angeles Film Critics Associa-L tion chose Quentin Tarantino's darkly funny crime saga "Pulp Fiction" as 1994's best picture. Tarantino also was honored for his direction and screenplay and John Travolta was named best actor for his role as the drug-addicted thug. Jessica Lange was named best actress for her performance as an emotionally troubled woman in "Blue Sky." Disney's box-office hit "The Lion King" was crowned best ani-mated film. Joan Chen won the best actress award at the Golden Horse Film Festival in Taipei for her performance in "Red Rose, White Rose." The Taiwanese director Tsai Ming-liang's "Vive L'amour" on best film and best director awards while Tony Leung was named best actor in "Chungking Express." The Golden Horse awards are the equivalent of the Academy Awards for Chinese-language films outside mainland China.

Demi Moore, 32, says it's not her fault that men think she's sexy, according to Entertainment Weekly. Then she laughed, hiked up her skirt and parted her knees, saying, "If I sit here like this I have to take a little bit of responsibility."

A 1956 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud that once belonged to Bette Davis was sold at auction to an unidentified bidder for \$500,000. The car also was owned by Mike Todd during his marriage in the late 1950s to Elizabeth Taylor, and then by the actress Diana Rigg.

The movie "Junior," in which Arnold Schwarzenegger, improbably, plays a pregnant man, has spawned lawsets. The German author Bernd Spaeth says some scenes could have come from his 1981 novel "Seitenstechen," and he wants the movie banned in Germany unless Universal, the distributor, acknowledges his intellectual property.

Katharine Hepburn, 87, told Swoozie Kurtz, who plays Hepburn's niece in the TV movie "One Christmas," that she has done her last day of acting, according to an' article in TV Guide magazine. Hepburn also offered this advice: "If you're given a choice between money and sex appeal --take the money. As you get older, the money will become your sex appeal."



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